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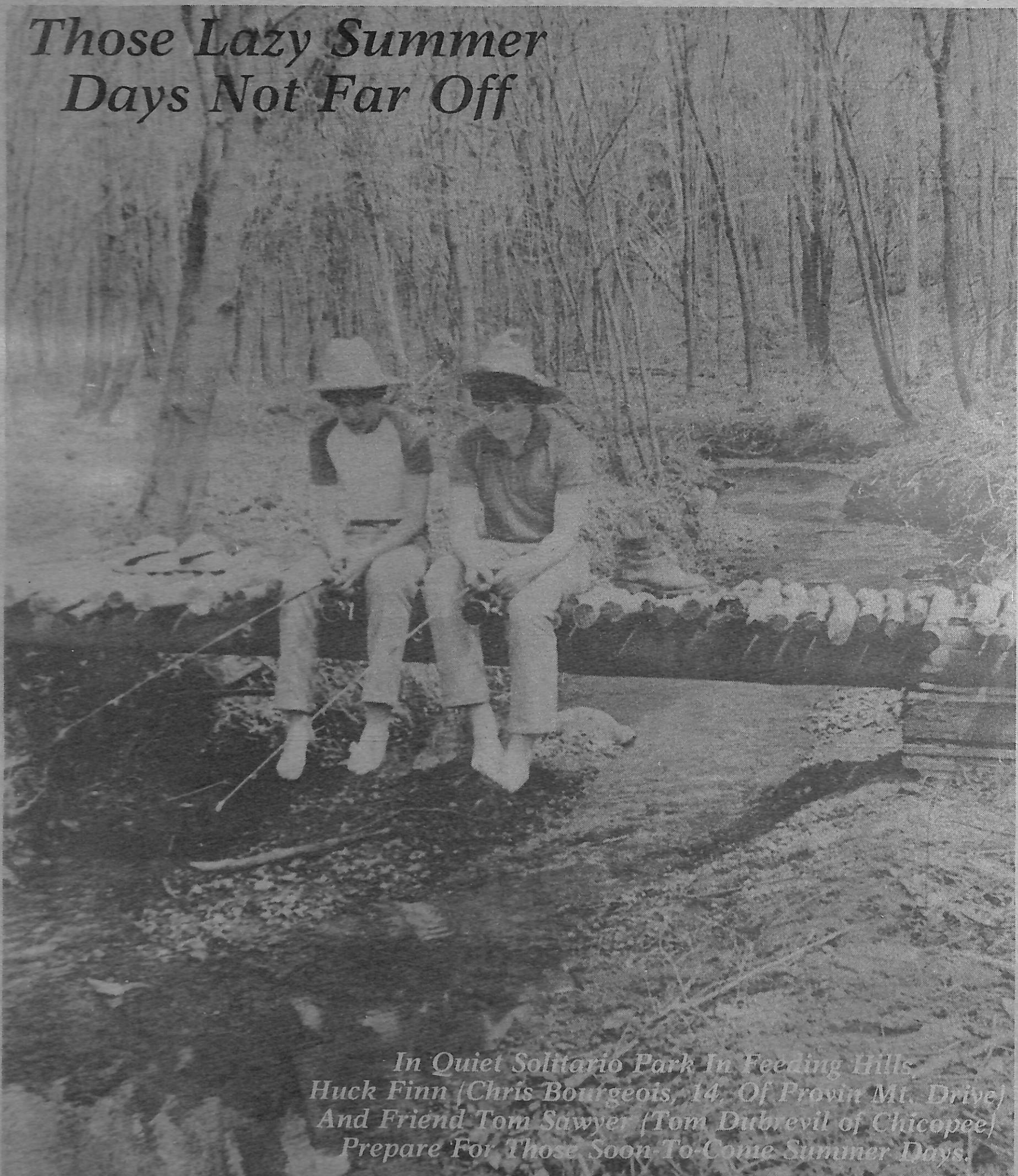
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Those Lazy Summer Days Not Far Off



*In Quiet Solitario Park In Feeding Hills,
Huck Finn (Chris Bourgeois, 14, Of Provin Mt. Drive)
And Friend Tom Sawyer (Tom Dubrevil of Chicopee)
Prepare For Those Soon To Come Summer Days.*

Council Passes Water, Sewer Fee

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Council at Tuesday's meeting in the Public Library voted to increase the water and sewer rates in Agawam by 40 percent and 125 percent respectively, effective July 1.

The vote to raise the fees, an action described by Town Manager Richard J. Bowen as the "principal policy issue" in the current budget session, preserves the delicate balance of the Manager's comprehensive \$21 million proposed budget for fiscal 1981-82.

Self-Sufficient

The new rates are an attempt to make the water and sewer systems self-sufficient and also provide funding to pay off bonding for capital improvements in the water system at a cost of \$70,000 in fiscal 1982.

The rates were recommended by Department of Public Works Superintendent John Stone who has said the current system of funding in the sewer department is heavily dependent on the General Fund, and water user fees only account for 83 percent of cost to run the system.

In light of Proposition 2 1/2, Bowen said this dependency on the General Fund would seriously affect the town's ability to operate other departments.

Among those especially concerned by this were members of the School Committee, who feared that if the rates didn't get approval, they would have to reduce their budget by as much as \$250,000.

The rate increases were first unveiled by Bowen at a council meeting last December 15, and were subsequently tabled for a workshop session later that month.

The item was then placed on the January 7 agenda, and by an 8-7 vote of the council it was tabled until the current budget session.

The hike in water fees is expected to generate some \$1.2 million, whereas the sewer system will now generate approximately three quarters of a million dollars. Both figures represent the estimated cost of running each department on a self-sufficient basis.

Council Frederick Nardi questioned why the proposal to increase the rates was not presented in the form of a referendum. Town Counsel Lambert Ollari responded that the town code allows the DPW superintendent to set rates.

Public Meeting

Council President Paul Fieldstad mentioned that the council had received a petition signed by 100 residents asking for a public meeting to be held on the water and sewer rates.

He said, however, that the council's action should not be impeded by the petition, and that there were no legal grounds to stop a vote on the matter. Councilors later decided to hold the public meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Public Library.

The general mood of the councilors who voted in favor of the rates was that there were no alternatives. "I don't like doing this," councilor Paul Paleologopoulos said, "but I don't like the alternatives either."

Councilors who voted in favor of increasing the water rates were; Francis Colli, William Herd, Walter Kerr, Andrew Gallano, Stephen Cincotta, Alfred Trehey, John Bartnik and Paleologopoulos.

Dissenting were; Robert DeForge, Donald Rheault, Alfred Serra, Elaine Bonavita, Richard Theroux and Nardi.

Voting in favor of the sewer rate increase were; Cincotta, Colli, Fieldstad, Herd, Kerr, Gallano, Paleologopoulos, and Bartnik. Those against: Bonavita, DeForge, Nardi, Rheault, Serra, Theroux, and Trehey.

The new schedule of rates set by Stone are: \$1.15 per 100 cubic feet for usage up to 10,000 square feet. This was previously set at \$.75. The average yearly water bill will therefore jump from \$64 to \$96.50, according to Stone. The revised sewer rate will be set at \$0.95 per 100 cubic feet of wastewater discharged into a public sewer up from 0.42. A flat rate of \$85.50 per year per dwelling unit for users without water service will also be charged.

The average yearly sewer bill jumps from \$38 to \$85.

Solitario Project Falls Again

Local developer Frank Solitario has again received a majority vote of the council in favor of his proposed condominium-elderly housing project at Hubbard's Corner, but failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote to green light the multi-million dollar project.

Hubbard's Corner

The council voted 8-7 in favor of the \$20 million project with councilors Walter Kerr and John Bartnik switching their votes on Solitario's third attempt to push the Hubbard's Corner development by the council.

Last year Solitario received an 8-6 approval with Kerr voting for and Bartnik against.

Two years ago, Solitario brought his initial proposal for Hubbard's Corner before the council but withdrew when it was evident he had little support at the time.

The developer has twice modified his proposal in an attempt to draw more favorable support from the neighborhood and the council.

Again, angry neighbors came out in force at Tuesday's public hearing with a bevy of questions and objections to the project which would be constructed on a 64-acre site and includes elderly housing, one of Solitario's new features on his third proposal.

Resident Harry Minet of Oxford Street, a leading neighborhood spokesman against the project for the past two years, said that water and sewer lines in the area would be unable to handle such large-scale development.

Minet, a prominent businessman in the area, questioned the developer's financial stability and noted that area banks involved with the land "appear to be using our town through Mr. Solitario."

According to Minet, the project would eventually cost the taxpayers more tax dollars through municipal services and he disputed claims that such a development would add to the town's tax base.

Neighborhood Complaints

Other neighborhood complaints were the project's close proximity to James Clark Elementary School and that existing roads could not sustain heavy amounts of additional traffic.

Residents numbered approximately 120 in attendance.

If the zoning had passed, Solitario said he would construct 300 condominiums and 200 housing unit earmarked for elderly housing.

Councilors voting in favor of the proposal were Richard Theroux, Stephen Cincotta, Frederick Nardi, Alfred Serra, Donald Rheault, Andrew Gallano, Francis Colli, and Bartnik.

Dissenting were Council President Paul Fieldstad, William Herd, Elaine Bonavita, Robert DeForge, Alfred Trehey, Paul Paleologopoulos, and Kerr.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 22 - 24
Painting Lessons
Senior Center
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 25
25th Anniversary
Polish Club
7 p.m.

April 26
Rev. Dunn Party
Oak Ridge CC
4 p.m.

April 25 - 26
Flea Market
W.S. Women's Club
Town Common
West Springfield

April 26
Macaroni Dinner
Firefighters Asso.
Middle School
4 to 7 p.m.



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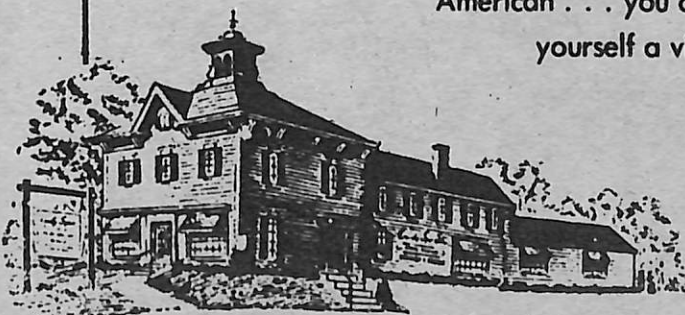
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Hebert Cited In Labor Dispute Filed Against School Board

According to an official news release, the Agawam Substitute Teachers Association (ASTA) has filed a charge of prohibited practices against the School Committee recently. ASTA is the newly-organized union seeking official recognition.

ASTA charges that Mrs. Nancy Phillips, a frequent substitute teacher within Agawam and a member of the union, had subbed for over 50 days in the same classroom for the same teacher at the Middle School. When asked by Principal Charles Kistner to work for six consecutive weeks for that teacher, she requested a step level contract. This type of contract would pay her more than the daily substitute rate of \$32.

According to the official complaint filed with the State Labor Commission, Mrs. Phillips declares that she knows of a substitute from outside of Agawam who had been granted a step level contract after only ten days as a longterm sub. Mrs. Phillips charges that Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert denied her request for such a contract using the words "just because of the Agawam Substitute Teachers Association."

Mrs. Maxine Frank, attorney for ASTA, expressed her conviction that Mrs. Phillips will not lose her case.

"This is clearly an example of the downtrodden treatment substitute teachers have endured for many years," she explained. "With no set policy negotiated, individuals may be, and have been treated differently. Subs have never been organized before and, therefore, have never had any clout."

Attorney Frank went on to detail the unfairness of granting a step level contract to one sub and rejecting another because of her union activities.

"We filed the complaint charge with the State Labor Commission because we are seeking recognition as an organized union and must bring any incidents of unfair practices to them to investigate."

According to Attorney Frank, a date had been set for the commission in Boston to investigate the charge, but the School Committee could not be represented then. She is awaiting further word on an alternate date.

WSC Receives Blake Donation

Curtis L. Blake, of 33 Mill Road, Longmeadow, Massachusetts, has given a gift of \$1000 to Westfield State College.

Mr. Blake's donation is to help fund the construction of an Interfaith Center on the Westfield State College Campus.

It is planned that the Interfaith Center will bring religious leaders from the surrounding communities to the College in order to provide spiritual counselling and religious services to its students.

It will be located on campus and will be readily accessible to students. The Center will be staffed by local clergy of all faiths, through the Westfield Clergy Association.

It will have three offices for clergy, a large meeting room and two smaller meeting rooms, overnight quarters for two clergy, and a kitchenette.

School Board Passes Reading On Buildings

By Joanne Brown

At their last meeting, the School Committee approved the first reading of changes in policy and rates for use of school buildings by outside groups.

The principal change initiated in policy was to alter the use of "Parks and Recreation Department" to read "other town governmentally sponsored activities." This was done in anticipation of the proposed elimination of the Parks and Recreation Department as of July 1st.

Custodial Fees Hiked

Custodial rates were increased to \$10.50 per hour along with pay hikes for other personnel who may be required at various functions. Cafeteria supervisors will receive \$10 per hour, and regular cafeteria workers will get \$6 per hour.

An itemized listing of the duties of custodians for which renters pay include their devoting fulltime to the preparation of the area to be used, controlling use of lights and heat, and assisting the renters in whatever way may be required.

Custodians are also expected to guard against unauthorized use of the school building and to report any damage that may occur. They are required to restore the area for the next day's school use following the renter's function.

Rental Fees Up Substantially

Rental fees for school buildings have been hiked substantially. Prior to recommending the "drastic change in policy," Business Manager James Coon pointed out that relatively few groups who have used school buildings in the past year actually paid. Those activities which are school-sponsored, such as PTO functions or class activities, or Parks and Recreation-sponsored do not pay building rental fees.

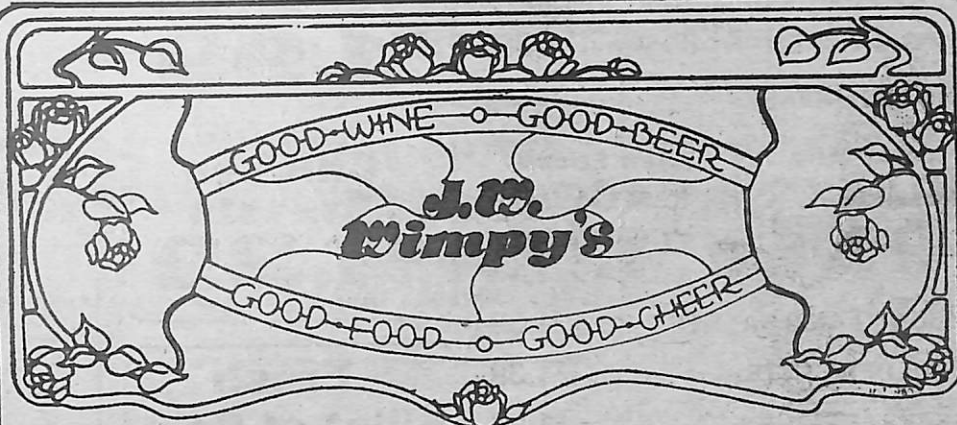
Among those who have paid in the past year are St. John's Church for use of the Middle School for CCD classes, the Eastern States Exposition for judging consultations, organizers for a baton competition, and organizers of a Zenith Color Guard performance in which Agawam girls participated.

Rates for use of the Senior High auditorium and gym will go up from \$50 per event to \$40 per hour. Use of the cafeteria will run \$30 per hour, and for a combined kitchen/cafe use, renters will pay \$50 per hour.

Classroom rental will jump to \$10 per hour from the current \$6, and fees for the Junior High pool will go to \$15 per hour.

According to Coon, all rates were set in conjunction with Director of School Maintenance Julian Miodowski, giving consideration to cost of electricity and fuel.

The committee approved the first reading 6-0 with Richard Borgatti absent. Two more readings are necessary prior to the measure going into effect.



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5.) **Quiche Dish.** A 9 1/2" classic-styled scallop edged quiche dish from Marsh.

6.) **Au Gratin Dishes.** A set of four. These 8 1/2" x 4 1/2" dishes from Marsh are perfect for individual casseroles or side dishes.

7.) **Corn Dishes.** A set of four from Marsh. Shaped like a piece of corn. Each one measures 10 1/2" x 3 1/2".

8.) **Oval Platter.** This Marsh serving platter measures 17 1/4" x 12" and is ideal for sliced meats, fruits or entrees.

9.) **7" Fry Pan.** Farberware's smallest fry pan featuring straight sides for maximum cooking area.

10.) **Covered Casserole.** From Marsh, this 3-quart casserole, with lid, is large enough for stews, vegetables and one-dish meals.

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Art Demonstration



Noted artist, Allan A. Davidson of Rockport, Mass., will demonstrate his watercolor technique at the Agawam Senior Center on Sunday evening, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. The demonstration is being sponsored by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council and is open to the public free of charge. He is a former member of the Massachusetts Arts Commission and is well-known for this expertise in French and American impressionism.

Martone Named Commander

By Stephen Gazillo

Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski has announced that James Martone will now serve as Commander of the Auxiliary Police and Constables for the town of Agawam.

Martone, who has been with the Auxiliary Police since June, 1977, was previously director of personnel for the 30-member all volunteer group. He works full time at the Farm Credit Bank in Agawam as Director of Office Services.

The Auxiliary Police in Agawam serve primarily as a back-up to the regular force, but when called upon to work, they have all the powers of a regular patrolman.

All auxiliary policemen have completed a Massachusetts Criminal Justice training course which gives them the power of arrest, Martone said. He pointed out that all members have also completed CPR (cardiopulmonary respiratory) courses, and six members are certified Emergency Medical Technicians.

In addition, members have taken courses in shooting, handcuffing, search and seizure, drug abuse problems, child abuse, crowd control and use of a baton.

"We have one of the best qualified training officers in New England in Captain Dwight Brouillard," Martone said. Brouillard holds a number of training certificates and has been named to the "Governor's twenty team," an exclusive group that includes only the best marksmen in Massachusetts.

The auxiliary police in Agawam have, in the past, handled traffic problems, acted as escorts, and assisted at Halloween parties for children as well as patrol the streets for safety. In the summer, they are often called to help out with traffic and other matters at Riverside Amusement Park.

Martone said his civic minded instincts led him to become a member of the auxiliary force. "I just wanted to go out and help my community," he said.



Jim Martone

"In case of natural disasters, our people are trained to take over emergency medical situations, and we are prepared to go in at a moment's notice when called upon," Martone said.

A resident of Agawam for 13 years, Martone also serves as a CPR instructor of the American Red Cross and is a professional photographer.

Martone said that in the future he would like to make more use of the expertise of the auxiliary police and to better prepare the community for natural catastrophes, such as floods, hurricanes, and tornados.

Chief Chmielewski had nothing but praise for the work Martone and company have been doing. "He's done a good job, and with Captain Brouillard, provides the community with a trained and reliable volunteer force."

There are currently four women who serve with the other 26 auxiliary policemen, whose ages range from 21 to 50, according to Martone. They have all purchased their own uniforms, and often hold benefits to raise money for ambulance services and necessary equipment. The town provides partial funding for some of their training expenses and equipment.

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Lioness' Host Hearing Ear Dog Program



A demonstration of the Hearing Ear Dog Program was brought to the Pioneer Valley area recently by the Agawam-Feeding Hills Lioness Club. The Lioness Club hosted a fund raising dinner at the Agawam Lions Club Den in West Springfield after which the guests showed just exactly what their dogs are capable of doing. Pictured, from left, are, Joy Poggi, Judy Sauage (with Dog Koko), R.P. Freeman and Bob Brake with Dog Shannon).

Baptist Church To Hold Smorgasbord

The United Women's Fellowship of the Agawam Baptist Church will hold a Spring Smorgasbord on Saturday, May 2 with a first serving at 5:00 p.m. and the second at 6:15 p.m.

The menu will consist of fruit cup, home-baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meat balls, deviled eggs, American chop suey, beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, potato salad, sunshine salad, tossed salad, relish tray, assorted homemade pies, rolls, coffee, tea or milk.

Tickets are \$4 per adult and \$1.75 for children under 10 years of age. For ticket information call 786-7410, 786-4907, and 789-1481.

Beautification Com. Selects Sites

The Agawam Beautification Committee recently selected six local establishments to receive the annual Beautification Award of Appreciation.

Those selected this year are: Forastiere & Sons Funeral Homes Inc. at Colonial Funeral Chapel on Main Street; the Polish American Club of Agawam; Albany International Co-Precision - Component's Division; Edwards's Drug Store, Terese Restaurant; and National Aerospace.

The Beautification Committee is appealing to each and every resident to fix up, to pick up, and to spruce up lawns, yards, treebelts and homes to make Agawam a nice place in which to live, work, and play.

Mass. UNICO To Hold Ball

The Massachusetts UNICO District One will have their 7th annual Governor's Ball on Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 p.m. at the Coliseum in West Springfield.

A social hour with hors-o'd'oeuvres will proceed the ball from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

The dinner will begin at 8:00 p.m. followed by dancing and a coffee and danish hour.

For tickets call District Governor John Negrucchi at 733-8015, Chairmen Lou Melchiori at 732-9494, 1nd Agawam's Frank Chriscola at 786-1225 and Robert Canedi at 734-8545.

The eight district UNICO chapters; Agawam Westfield, West Springfield, Springfield, Ludlow, Wilbraham, East Longmeadow and Worcester will honor Raymond Caputo of the Wilbraham chapter as "UNICO Man of the Year".

UNICO National President Renato Biribin will be the main speaker.

For further information call Paul Ferrarini, publicity chairman, at 786-9574.

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The Ways & Means Committee of Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries International, will sponsor a bus trip for a day in New York City, The Big Apple, on Saturday, May 2, 1981 by Palmer Motor Coach. Bus fare is \$15 per person excluding coffee stop and dinner.

Sandra Briggs, chairperson, today announced that the bus will leave Mass. Mutual's parking lot at 7 a.m. with a stop in Bridgeport, Connecticut for coffee at 8:30 a.m.; and arrive in New York City at 11:00 a.m. Members and guests will have the day to spend as they wish - tours, restaurants, theatres, etc.

The bus will leave New York City at 6:00 p.m. and stop at Valley's Steak House in Bridgeport at 7:30 p.m. Expected arrival time for the return trip home to Springfield is 11:00 p.m.

Members and guests should make reservations with Ms. Sandra E. Briggs, 217 Appleblossom Lane, Westfield.

"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

Good things come in small packages, they say, and no one believes this more than RODGER & MARY ANN SCHMIDT of 1125 Northwest Street, Feeding Hills. On March 31st, one month ahead of schedule, their first child, tiny, beautiful ERICA LYN, arrived, weighing only 4 pounds, 3 ounces. Because of the frantic efforts to save the baby and mother's lives, the premature newborn was not measured.

Mary, whose entire pregnancy had been flawless, suddenly developed toxemia and within five days, became so ill that Erica had to be taken by caesarian section at only eight months gestation. Further complications arose when badly needed platelets were not immediately available at the hospital and had to be transported from Boston.

Rodger, grandparents', and friends are very grateful to Dr. Robert Olney, whose excellent work in the operating room may have saved both mother and child's lives. Dr. Olney thanks "the Man upstairs."

The happy and relieved grandparents are ROBERT & JOANN SCHMIDT of 12 Gale Street in Feeding Hills and FLORENCE & ALBERT BARTHELETTE of Arcade Street in Chicopee. Great grandparents to this "perfectly beautiful" little baby are MR. & MRS. HAROLD BOYD of Orlando, Florida and NAPOLEON LOUIS MENDARD of Chicopee.

After two weeks of her parents taking daily trips to the hospital to visit Erica, she is now home, having gained enough weight to be released. The Visiting Nurses stopped by to see if they could be of any assistance and Grandma is up from Florida to help out. The whole family is doing well and very, very thankful for the way things have turned out.

Among former Agawam graduates receiving special honors recently is MARK DAVID OLSON, son of MR. AND MRS. ALGOT WILSON of 168 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills. David, a 1978 Agawam High grad., is presently attending Western New England College where he is a junior in Mechanical Engineering. We are delighted to hear that David has attained Dean's List status. His grandparents, former Agawam residents, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Blakesley of 1805 Hibiscus Court, South Harbor Palms in Oldsmar, Florida, are very proud of him too. Keep up the good work, Dave!

Also at Western New England College, LEE ANN HARVEY, daughter of SIDNEY & PATRICIA HARVEY of 60 Tracy Drive, Agawam, recently finished the season as a member and co-captain of the WNEC woman's varsity basketball team. The sophomore averaged 6.2 rebounds per game for the Golden Bears, under first-year coach Beverly Holtsberg. This was Lee Ann's second season with the college team.

Quite a sports enthusiast, Lee Ann has worked many summers under ASA, serving as umpire to girls' fast and slow pitch softball. As a member of last year's softball team, Lee Ann went to Puerto Rico for spring training.

"We used to go all the way to Chicopee when I was young," adds her mother who played for Cathedral. Times sure have changed.

A mechanical engineering major, Lee Ann also manages to make the Dean's List each semester, thus meeting the terms of the full scholarship she earned upon graduating from Agawam High in 1979. She was one of only two recipients of the engineering scholarships awarded. If this isn't enough to keep her busy, Lee Ann also works part-time with her mother at Valley Wholesale Products in West Springfield.

Lee Ann's younger sister, LORI (class of '80) is also at Western New England - in her freshman year. Continued success to you both!

What started out as a joke for a friend has now turned into a fulltime job for GAIL FEENEY of North Street, Feeding Hills. Three years ago, Gail discovered a special fondue frosting which, when rolled out like pie dough, gives a satiny appearance. Using the right coloring, the frosting closely resembles the appearance of skin.

Having taken a cake decorating course earlier, Gail put this new discovery to work and created a highly unusual cake as a joke for a close friend. The cake was an instant success and word soon spread of Gail's creations.

Gail now flesh-toned works of art for many occasions - showers, 30th, 40th, 50th birthdays, etc. Her "Blue Ribbon Special" is her most popular variety and is apparently order as often by women as by men. Got a special occasion coming up?

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Banks Help Fight Against Cancer



Agawam Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski (far right) hands certificates of merit to local bank officials for their fundraising efforts to help stamp out cancer. Chmielewski is the Agawam chapter's special events chairman of the American Cancer Society. Local bank officials present were, Harry Camyre of Westfield Savings Bank, Ellen Bellows of WestBank's Feeding Hills Branch and Jane M. Knapp of WestBank. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Library Offers Medieval Cookbook

By Jeanne Hoffmann

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THE TABLE: There are few adornments except for a white tablecloth and no individual place settings. Our food will be transferred from huge serving platters onto large square slices of bread, called trenchers, which are edible plates. We may choose to save them to eat with gravy tomorrow, give them to the dogs, or even pass them out to the poor beggars who are standing at the castle gates.

As we begin the feast, we use our best table manners. We will eat with our knives and our fingers - forks being newfangled fad on the continent of which

we thoroughly disapprove. We will extend certain fingers while eating specific foods to keep them grease free for the next course, and for dipping into communal condiments. And we always keep our pinky finger extended while we drink.

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Our favorite illusion foods are presented for approval: fish roe tinted with pea juice to look and taste peas, and chopped meatballs made hard and round, covered parsley to make green apples. While we eat, we will be entertained by dwarfs, jesters, and musicians.

For tonight's finale, acrobats will leap out of an enormous pudding to amaze us with their tricks. We will be so tired after all this ceremony that we should plan to try another new fad from the continent tomorrow night and dine alone - the bathtub!

Now we bring you to the present with a note on *Fabulous Feasts*. This book includes recipes and instructions for cooking and serving medieval meals from the modern kitchen. So the next time your kids are writing reports on the Middle Ages, or you feel a desire to vary your menu, why not tickle your taste buds with a meal or forced chicken, live frog pie, parsnip fritters, and fried oranges?!

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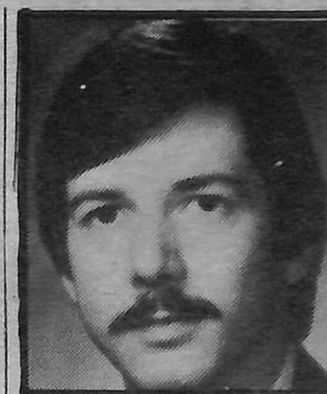
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Funeral expenses are generally determined by four factors: professional and staff services; use of funeral home facilities and equipment; merchandise, such as a casket, interment and receptacle and clothing; and cash disbursements, such as motor equipment, cemetery and clerical fees.

Professional Services include removal of the body from place of death, the care and preparation of the body, consultation with the family to arrange the funeral fashioned to the family's wishes, arrangements with cemetery and clergy, preparation and filling of legal documents, newspaper notices and various other duties, counseling and assistance prior to, during and following the funeral.

Facilities and equipment costs include the use of the funeral home facilities, preparation room, visiting room or chapel and all equipment and parking areas, acknowledgement cards, register book, memorial cards, religious and miscellaneous articles.

Merchandise includes the cost of the casket, outer vault or liner and in some cases clothing.

Cash disbursements refers to cash advanced for the cost of items requiring payment before the funeral. This sum is usually advanced by the funeral director for the convenience of the family. These costs include motor equipment, hearse, limousine (s), flower car, church and clergy honorarium, cemetery arrangements, and etc.

Casket costs range in prices from less than \$100.00 to cover \$3000.00 depending on the materials used and workmanship.

Complete funeral arrangements or final disposition can cost less than \$500.00 to approximately \$4000.00. A wide range that allows a choice of services by the family from the very simple to the elaborate to fit the needs and financial budget of all families.

It is very important to note that every family is different and every family's needs are different.

Therefore, there are no two funerals that are alike. Each arrangement should be customized to an individual's own personal needs, desires and financial concerns.

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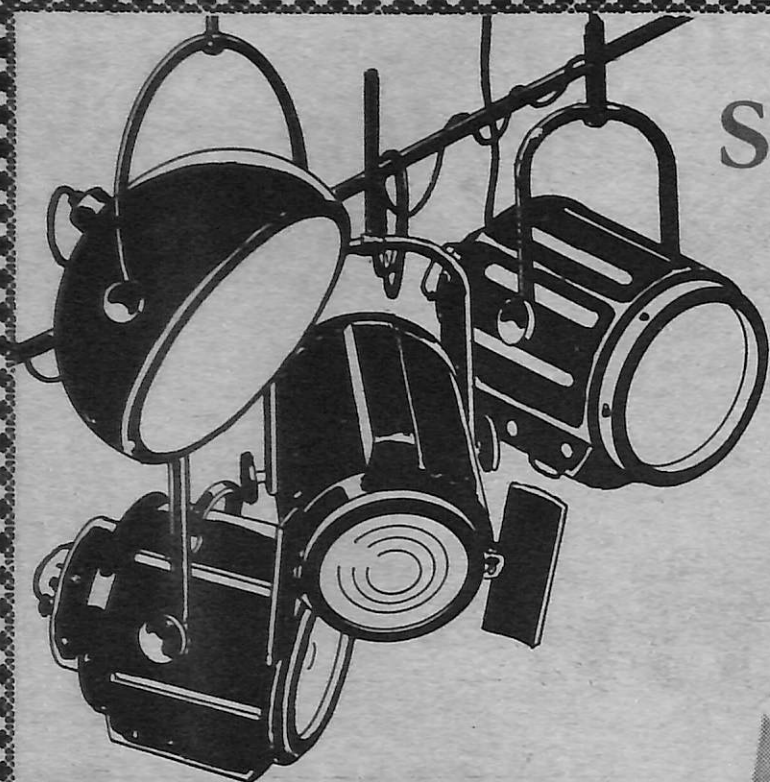
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Spotlighting... The Holyoke Mall



What Is The Holyoke Mall?

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It's a place where you can throw a penny in a pond, eat cotton candy, munch on pretzels or chocolate chip cookies, all the time while you're looking for a gift for your best friend or lover.

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It's a world of natural and organic foods, imported cheeses and coffees, dried fruits, pianos and organs, exquisite night gowns, rugged mountain boots and dainty underclothes for men and women.

Yes, there is nothing quite like this place called the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside.

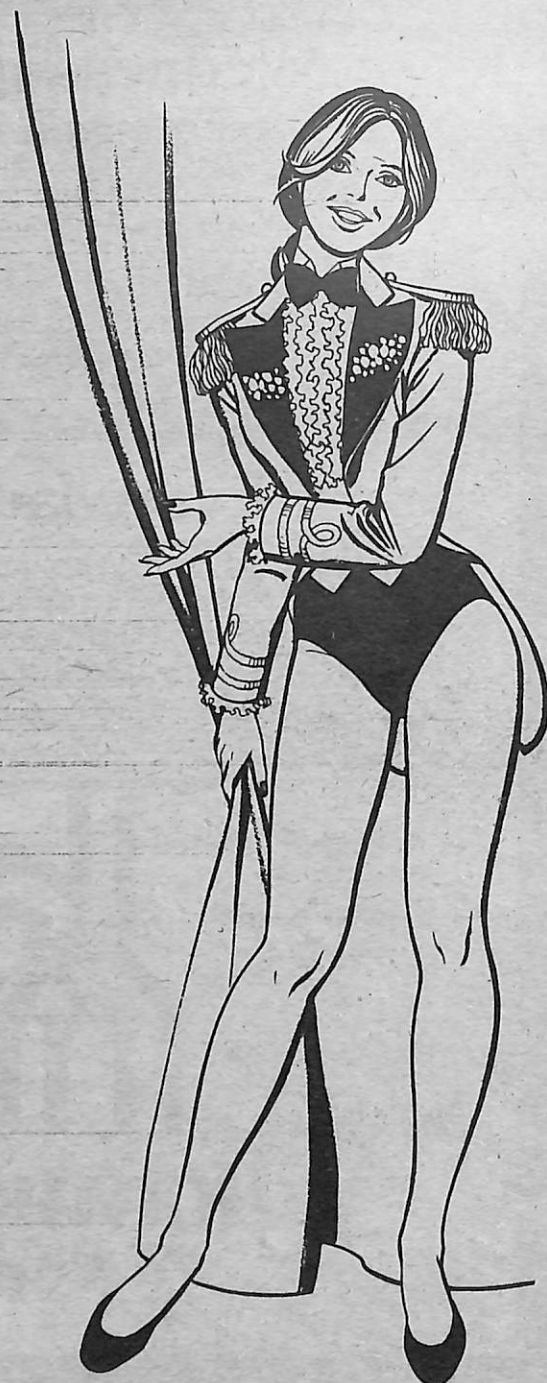
The mall is a twentieth century phenomenon that is unparalleled in terms of what it offers the contemporary shopper. To shop at the Holyoke Mall is to embark upon an experience, a journey into American culture and lifestyles that will influence generations to come.

If you can't find it at the Holyoke Mall, then, alas, you probably can't find it anywhere.

What the Holyoke Mall offers to the thousands of shoppers who amble through its doors daily is fun while shopping. And the old adage still applies: fun is the one thing that money can't buy!



This dome highlights the Holyoke Mall in a manner unique to this particular shopping area - rather a "Starship Enterprise" look.



Cafe Square is the unusual eating area that centralizes food and drink service for shoppers who patronize the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside.

Holyoke Mall: One Of Area's Most Popular

Easy access, a diversity of stores, and a pleasant environment—these are the elements that make the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside one of the most popular shopping centers in Western Massachusetts, according to Walter Russell, General Manager of the complex.

In 1.2 million square feet of enclosed space, there are currently 153 different stores and concessions, four movie theatres, and enough outdoor parking space for 5,000 automobiles.

One of the features of Holyoke's huge shopping mall is the "food park" known as Cafe Square which

is found on the lower level. According to Russell, the idea originated as a means of passing on a cost savings to restaurateurs.

There is one large seating in the center to accommodate over a dozen surrounding food concessions. Incorporated into the food park is a "free standing bar," a first in the country.

The common eating area transforms itself depending on the types of activities that have been organized.

Russell mentioned high school band concerts, Jimmy Fund, Heart Association, and United Way fundraising as some of Holyoke Mall's most recent events.

Holyoke Mall opened July 5, 1979. Its location, near the intersection of Interstate Highways 90 and 91, joins Massachusetts in both north/south and east/west directions.

Russell points out that the major drawing power of the Holyoke Mall is its variety of stores that sell "quality merchandise." He said the Mall contains no "discounters," but quickly added that prices there are comparable to any other shopping center in the area.

A typical Saturday stroll through the triple level maze of storefronts indicates that business is on the upswing. A recent count of shoppers showed that over 11,000 came in through the main doors in an eight hour period on a Saturday in March.

The market area that Holyoke Mall covers extends from Northern Connecticut to Pittsfield and up to and including Southern Vermont.

"The Mall was built as a 'super-regional mall', designed to lure people from great distances," Russell said.

Contrary to popular opinion, Russell says, today's soaring gasoline prices make a long trek to a shopping mall even more economically viable.

"Because gasoline is so expensive, when people go shopping, they want to have everything at their disposal in one place," he stated.

"They would like to see services, such as dental and medical care," Russell said. To promote this idea, the Holyoke Mall currently has a fully operational dental center which houses six dentists.

Russell assumed his post as General Manager of the Ingleside complex in October, 1979.

He admits that the stores under contract must pay a high rent, but explained factors such as high electricity costs, especially since the Mall is an "all-electric building."

"We have to pay between \$80 and \$90 thousand a month for electricity and around \$1 million a year in taxes to the City of Holyoke," he said.

The stores are doing a booming business, as total revenues for 1980 topped \$77 million. The Mall is open between 10 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. every day except Sunday. The cinemas and York Steak House Restaurant are open on Sundays as well.

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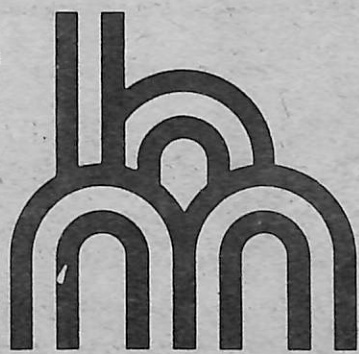
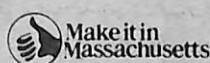
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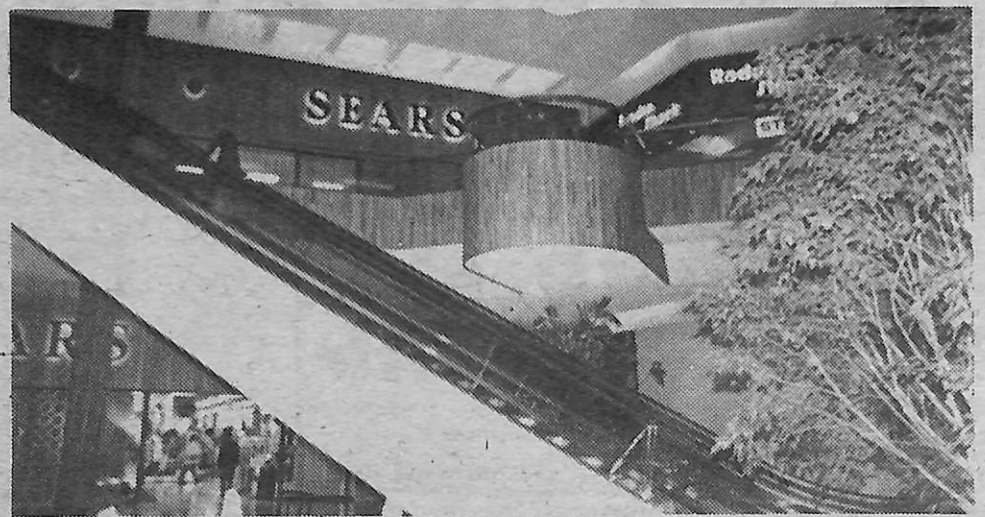
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Getting around the Holyoke Mall is easy; escalators are plentiful and there is even a glass-encased elevator. Photo by Jack Devine.

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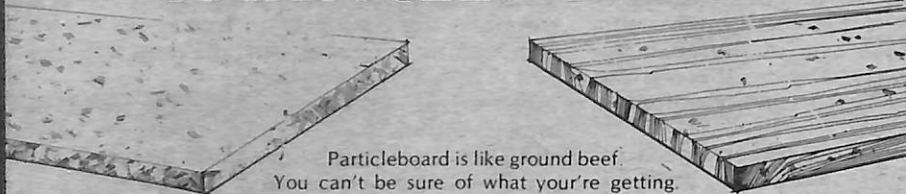
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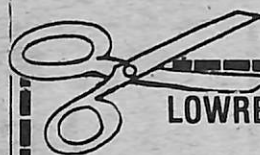
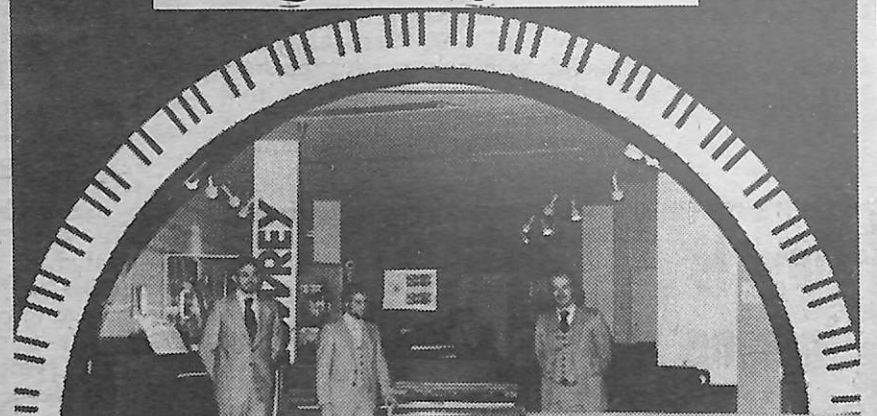
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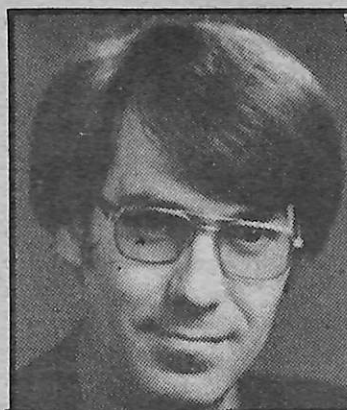
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Your Dental Health

By Stephen R.
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If you are constantly breaking fillings in your back teeth, and they seem to rebreak again a few months later after a dentist has replaced them, there may be more to these filling fractures than meets the tooth.

I am not referring to that period in our recent history during the '73 Arab oil embargo when President Ford had us all biting the bullet; those people who weren't going around shooting their mouths off were breaking their fillings. But I am referring to the fact that many people who break fillings are often "bruxers," tooth grinders or clenchers, who do most of the damage while asleep.

Usually they don't even know that they're grinding their teeth, but this puts a tremendous strain on the teeth, especially those with large silver fillings. These fillings may be weakened to the point that they eventually break. It can even happen while eating something soft.

The danger of undetected broken fillings (restorations) has already been the topic of a past column. Many such people (bruxers) blame the dentist when the cause is really out of the dentist's control. If you haven't got the benefit of a bunk buddy to tell you that you make all kinds of horrible noises with your teeth at night, you may be able to detect the symptoms of the problem yourself.

If your jaw muscles are tired when you wake in the morning or if you elicit pain or tenderness if you press on your face with your finger about 1/2 inch in front of the ear opening, it's a pretty good bet that your jaw was doing things that you haven't dreamt of in your philosophy, Horatio.

Fillings are not the only innocent victims of bruxism - teeth as well as fillings can be broken, it can cause pain when opening to bit a sandwich, it can cause headaches, neckaches (shall I say it's a pain in the neck before you beat me to it?), and backaches. All things considered, I'd rather be in Philadelphia, but wherever you are, the habit of bruxing is a good thing to get rid of.

Next time this happens, have your dentist check to see if you're a grinder. It could save you a real headache. He may recommend an appliance or "nightguard" as they are generally known. You may still be grinding, but you will grind on the nightguard and not on your teeth. This will help to prevent the headaches, pain and wear usually associated with bruxism.

I'll close with Ben Franklin's words, "Neither a grinder nor a clencher be."

Time Is Running Out On Your Backache



Had a backache lately?

If there's one thing you should know by now it's that if you suffer from low back pains, or if you can't get comfortable at night and are bothered by insomnia, or if you ladies are bothered with post-pregnancy back pains, or if you've sustained a back injury on the job or in your car...

For heaven's sake do something about it.

And do it the sooner the better. It's just tragic how some people let these discomforts go on. Backache bravely simply adds to the problem when immediate and effective care is required.

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Know Your Drugs...



By Gary Kerr

Cough associated with colds quite often provokes self-medication partially due to rising health care costs and also to the severe discomfort that most coughs produce.

Most important in treating a cough is increasing fluid intake whether it be by 1) drinking water, or 2) breathing humidified air. Adequate fluid intake is necessary to decrease viscosity (thickness) of respiratory secretions and to prevent dehydration. Quite often this act alone will benefit the cough by diminishing the urge to cough and no medication will be required.

If the cough is dry, non-productive, and persistent, a cough suppressant (antitussive) is recommended. Expectorants may be useful to facilitate removal of phlegm in some cases but much controversy surrounds the efficiency of expectorant agents and perhaps their only therapeutic benefit is the soothing, demulcent action they provide. Frequently, over-the-counter (OTC) cough preparations contain both an antitussive and an expectorant.

Sometimes the "tickling" sensation that occurs in the pharynx can be eased by sucking hard candy, cough drops, or lozenges, but if a severe cough develops, more aggressive therapy should be initiated. Some gargles which contain topical anesthetics may provide only temporary, if any, relief from the tickling sensation. Irritated throats are probably soothed just as well with a warm salt/water mixture containing approximately two teaspoons of salt in one quart of water.

Today, dextromethorphan remains the mainstay of OTC cough suppressants, accounting for a large percentage of retail antitussive sales. This agent is the "DM" that appears on most cough syrup labels. It is similar in structure to codeine, a commonly employed prescription narcotic antitussive, but its side effects are mild and infrequent.

In comparing their effectiveness versus cough, some researchers claim they are equally potent while others claim codeine is slightly more effective. The usual dose for an adult using dextromethorphan is ten to twenty milligrams every four hours or thirty milligrams every six to eight hours. Patients are urged to read the package label to calculate how many teaspoons (one teaspoon equals five ml) they will require.

When choosing a cough syrup one should check for effective ingredients and the amount of that preparation they will have to take to get the recommended dose. Especially important to diabetics and persons sensitive to alcohol is the sugar and alcohol content of these products. Lists of sugar-free and/or alcohol-free products should be readily available through your local pharmacy. Another wise rule of thumb is to avoid using combination products when there is no real need; use them only if more than one symptom is being treated.

Remember that despite any drug therapy used in the treatment of cough associated with cold, the cold usually runs its complete course in seven days. If bothersome symptoms persist for longer than expected, or if fever and/or painful sore throat develop, the patient should seek professional medical care.

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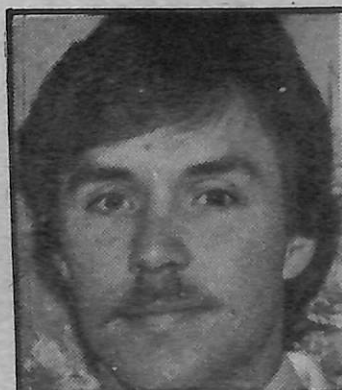
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Your Back & Your Health



What causes bursitis and shoulder pain? What are its symptoms? These questions will be answered plainly and in depth as we explore the "bursa," the small fluid-filled sac located between a muscle and bone or, more specifically, between a ligament and bone. This bursa acts as a reducer of friction and protects the moving muscles and ligaments from irritation when functioning properly. Bursitis is the malfunctioning of this vital part of the human body.

Bursitis is almost always caused by abnormal movement of the muscle or bone surrounding the bursa areas the bursa is designed to protect. When alterations occur in the positioning of the surrounding structures, especially abnormal or accidental movements, a muscle or bone causes the bursa to be squeezed or pinched with substantial pressure. This action irritates and inflames the bursa, causing pain and discomfort.

The term *bursitis* is usually applied to the shoulder girdle when pain is caused from the loss of smooth and proper movement of the affected area. The vital movement of the shoulder muscles depends upon the coordination of the shoulder muscles and the nerves that control them. These nerves exit the spine on their way to the muscles through the small openings between the spinal vertebrae in the neck. The relationship of the opening the nerve passes through is vital to the proper functioning of that nerve and can cause malfunctioning.

Several things cause problems in this area. A fall or accident, the postural change (how we consciously position our body) due to the advent of age or occupational hazards, may force one of the spinal segments into an abnormal position or limit its movement. This can alter the shape of the nerve opening, irritating the nerves which supply the shoulder muscle as they pass through the openings in the spine. A loss of coordination between affected shoulder muscles can result. The shoulder structures fail to function properly increasing again the irritation to the bursa, causing pain.

The doctor of chiropractic is trained to offer specialized care in the effective correction of the causes contributing to bursitis.

Skin Deep

By Eileen Trempe

The makeup look for spring, 1981, is elegance. The emphasis this spring is on having an even, velvety, wonderfully natural looking makeup with the foundation giving a light coverage.

For spring, 1981, eyes, lips, and cheeks are three important focal for color. The colors are brighter, but still soft. Liquid makeup should be used to make the skin look clear and flawless. Using a rich, penetrating moisturizer as an underliner can help to have the application of liquid makeup look smooth and flawless.

For eyes in the spring of 1981, the idea is to make them look new by coloring them in thirds. You use gentle blushes of two tones to contrast with a deeper shade that is blended so well that they softly melt together to lengthen and open the eyes. A deeper shade is also worn near the lashes with tones blended up to the brow. Then a harmonizing color in an eyeliner pencil is used on the lid and in the crease of the eye.

Hard lines should be avoided, and eyeliner pencils should be used, but the colors should be blended along the lashline. The idea is to do all colors on the eyes in a very gentle way and blend them so that the eyes have an alluring, sophisticated effect.

Lips should be shaped beautifully and precisely for spring. Lip coloring is more intense right now than it has been for some time. This puts a greater emphasis on the need for good lip shape. The more sophisticated look for 1981 requires a precise outline. A lip brush and lip liner pencil should be used to achieve this look.

Lips should be brightened for spring. Experiment mixing colors and tones. Add lip moisturizers to make your lips look shiny and soft. And, remember, the proper lip color provides a better balance with cheek and eye color.

Spring, 1981, needs a glowing, finished look. That is why powdered blushers have become such a tremendously important product. The cheekbones need to be emphasized and this can be done by using a powder blush in a semi-circular shape, starting high in the middle of the cheekbones and curving the color upward toward the temples. This technique tends to draw attention away from the lower part of the face for a pleasant "uplifting" effect.

Sallow skin looks best with pink tones of blush while florid skin is flattered by the tawny shades.

SCHOOL NEWS



Joshua Huntoon, now 5 years old, participates in the Early Childhood Class project raising spring flowers. Joshua will graduate the class and attend kindergarten at Robinson Park next year. Photo by Jack Devine.

Special Class Builds Early Confidence

By Joanne Brown

The philosophy of "early intervention" with pre-schoolers who have special educational needs is the mainstay of Agawam's federally-funded program based on the ERIN (Early Recognition Intervention Network) model.

Now completing its second full year in Agawam, this program identifies children during their formative years between 3 and 5 for special educational training.

According to Chris Whalen, who developed the program five years ago and offered it originally through the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, "We work with the child's strengths to compensate for weaknesses as well as trying to strengthen weaknesses."

Ms. Whalen and her associates, Deborah Lisowski and Carol Ann Gawle, strive to mainstream their students as early as possible. They praise Agawam teachers and administrators who are "more willing than most" to make the necessary modifications to aid these students in being successful.

Program Design

Youngsters between 3 and 5 years of age from all over Agawam undergo a screening process, and those who are developmentally not ready for kindergarten are referred to the early childhood class. Though the program originated in the LPVEC, Agawam is now one of the few towns in the area who offer its own class of this type. This year's class services 12 children.

The program is located at Robinson Park School and operates with Ms. Whalen as head teacher along with an aide and combination speech therapist/classroom instructor. The children this year are predominantly 5 year-olds with a wide range of disabilities. All of the children have weaknesses in one or more of the following areas: language, motor development, vision, socialization, and visual understanding.

A common problem area is that of language difficulties where children cannot verbalize well or do not comprehend what is said to them. A couple of this year's students cannot speak understandably at all; some cannot converse at all on topics being discussed; and several have physical disabilities which affect their speech.

Large motor problems range from children who are mildly clumsy to those with cerebral palsy. Fine motor skills lacking are the ability to hold a pencil or to string beads. These motor problems are often in combination with vision difficulties such as poor depth perception.

Problems in learning in a large-group situation or in recognizing a success or mistake are grouped under a general heading of Participation Skills. These problems also involve emotional immaturity.

While working to overcome deficiencies in these

other areas, the teachers also work to improve the children's visual understanding; that is, their ability to comprehend shapes and letters on paper and to learn from them.

The ERIN model is a federally-funded, Boston-based teacher training and resource center. Chris Whalen's program was one of the first to be based on this nationally-recognized model and is often used to train others.

Teachers from many states have come to Agawam to observe Ms. Whalen's class. Video tapes, slides, and film strips have been made of her classroom activities and have been used later to train other teachers.

Parent Involvement Absolutely Necessary

"This program is half parent involvement," declares Ms. Whalen. "Parents must learn to stop denying their children's needs and to begin working with us to help their kids."

She explains that parents must set up supportive surroundings in which their children can succeed. They participate in the class twice a month, and Ms. Whalen often visits their homes. They also organize many parental meetings on various subjects and take advantage of many other school facilities such as counselors and motor development specialists.

Ms. Whalen points that the progress made by her students is not readily ascertained.

"We try to improve their self-images as early as possible and to make them aware of their strengths so they can meet challenges with more confidence," she states.

One of her goals for the future is to integrate the class to include normal students who can serve as role models. A small step in this direction has come in the form of a grant for an integrated summer camp this year.

"Program Impact" will operate as an adjunct to Agawam's Camp Rainbow, which serves older children with special needs. It will be organized under a separate grant for younger children, but will share Rainbow's facilities and staff.

Agawam's children who have special needs are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher as well as such a successful program to help them early in life on the way to becoming productive citizens.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., April 27: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed salad, spiced applesauce, milk
Tues., April 28: Hamburg in roll, raisin & carrot salad, macaroni salad, peach crisp, milk
Wed., April 29: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, buttered green beans, Italian bread & butter, pears in syrup, milk
Thurs., April 30: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, ice cream cup, milk
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AHS Celebrates Language Week



Students taking foreign languages at Agawam High recently performed skits and musical numbers in their various areas of study in honor of National Language Week. Pictured on stage in rehearsal are (Left to Right) Karen Rosner, Roger Olewinski, Tim Ryan, Greg Brennan, Kathy Foley, Jim Sherry, Ann Sherry, Wendy Czerpak, Rosemary DeStefano, Mary Kamyk, Anna Greguoli, Dianna Bator, Tim Ayre. Photo by Jack Devine.

Westward Move Still Exciting

"Westward, ho!" was the cry that rang throughout America in the nineteenth century as thousands of pioneers crossed the rivers, the plains, the deserts, and the mountains to settle the West. That cry is echoed today at Peirce School as fifth grade students explore the triumphs and hardships of the American westward expansion.

These students are using "America On The Move," a unique curriculum unit developed by Peirce teacher Evelyn Lester and music teacher Dorothy Hegarty through the Wide Horizons Project this year. This unit takes a fresh look at the trek west by having the fifth-graders study the art, music, dance and food which reflect the lifestyle of the pioneers.

The students first research the reasons which prompted Americans to push West and then explore the Westward Expansion itself - the transportation used, the provisions for food and shelter, and the problems encountered on the trail.

"America On The Move" then gives the students the opportunity to take an in-depth look at the cultural heritage of the Westward Trail - the art, songs, dances and food of the pioneers. The students look at paintings to understand the terrain which the pioneers crossed - the steep mountains, the flowing rivers, and the wide expanses of the prairies. They also study vintage Currier & Ives prints to learn about the lifestyle of the trail - the tasks men did, the tasks women did, the clothes people wore, and the leisure activities they enjoyed.

The students learn the songs of the trail, such as "Erie Canal," "Oh, Susanna," "Red River Valley," and "Sweet Betsy from Pike," and explore how these songs reflect the longings and fears of the pioneers. And they master some of the dances - "Black Nag," "Circassian Circle," "Cumberland Square Eight," etc - which were enjoyed by the pioneers in their all-too-seldom moments of relaxation while heading West.

One of the most popular activities in "America On The Move" is cooking and eating the food of the trail. The students learn that corn was the staple of the pioneers' diet as they try the recipes for Arkansas corn dodgers, Oklahoma corn shuck bread, and Nebraska corn cuss.

"America On The Move" is a unique attempt to look at a period in American history through its cultural heritage. As Evelyn Lester proudly exclaims, "What an exciting way for fifth-graders to study one of the great eras in America's history!"

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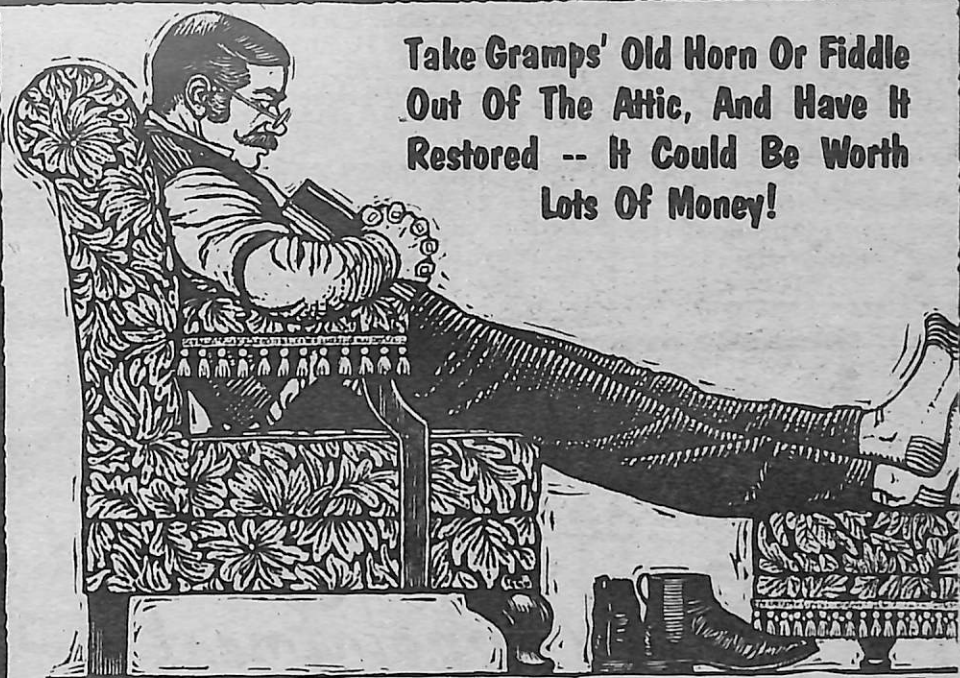
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Middle School Girls Enjoy Program On Grooming & Poise

Many seventh grade girls at the Agawam Middle School recently enjoyed a program presented by Suzanne Dahlstrom of La Femmina School of Modeling. The importance of good grooming, poise and charm, confidence and social etiquette as they influence young girls were discussed. Miss Dahlstrom also discussed modeling as a career and recounted some of her personal experiences in this field.

The Suzanne Dahlstrom La Femmina School is located at 310 North Main Street, East Longmeadow. Classes for girls and women, ages five to sixty, are in session. In addition to topics discussed at the Middle School, classes deal with skin care, makeup, nutrition and exercise.

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Retired Teachers Lunch

Hampden North Chapter of the Massachusetts Retired Teachers Association will hold its spring luncheon at the Page One restaurant, Russell Road, Westfield, on Thursday, May 7th. A social hour will precede lunch which will be served at noon.

Greetings from the state association will be extended by Mrs. Bernadette Shyne, first vice-president, and Dr. James Peace, area vice-president of the NRTA will bring a message from the national association.

Arrangements for the luncheon were made by Miss Anna Carroll and Mrs. Mary Rix. Reservations close on April 23rd and should be made with Mary Rix, 73 Sunset Drive, Westfield.

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Martin Luther was perhaps the first man to use lights on a Christmas tree. Luther put lights on his tree to represent the glory and beauty of the stars above Bethlehem on the night of Christ's birth.

The quart milk bottle is becoming a relic of yesterday. More than 80 percent of America's fluid milk is now sold in paper or plastic cartons and nearly nine out of ten are half-gallon and gallon sizes.

At least 10 places along the 500-mile stretch of the Amazon River were found to have depths of 300 feet or more, revealing the bed of the river is well below sea level.

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Band Parents' Raffle Successful



Mrs. Mickey Adelman, incoming president of the Agawam Band Parents Association, presents Band Director Darcy Davis with a check for over \$1100 from a raffle her organization ran to help raise funds for the band's upcoming trip to compete in New Jersey. Looking on is AHS Acting Principal John Morrissey. Photo by Jack Devine.

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The Hampden County Division of Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions has established a memorial fund to honor Robert Vose, past chairman of the Hampden County Division. Mr. Vose, who died on February 12, 1981, was the guiding spirit of conservation in Western Massachusetts. He was Chairman of the Board of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions and founded the first division in Hampden County to better serve and direct the Conservation Commissions within the county.

Robert Vose was an active environmentalist who also served as chairman of the West Springfield Conservation Commission from 1974 to 1980. He was chairman of the Connecticut River Basin Program of the New England River Basins Commission and author of the Flood Plain Management By-Law for West Springfield.

Because of his expensive involvement in conservation and environmental education, a memorial fund to continue his work has been established in conjunction with the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden.

Funds collected will be used to establish a living memorial garden of plantings adjacent to Laughing Brook's Environmental Center building. This recently completed building will enable Laughing Brook to expand its program offerings in natural history and environmental education.

Inquiries concerning the fund or contributions may be sent to Rita Vail, 141 Woodland Drive, Hampden, 01036 or David Johnson, 1 Flynt St., Palmer, 01069. Checks should be made out to Hampden County Division/MACC Robert Vose Memorial Fund.

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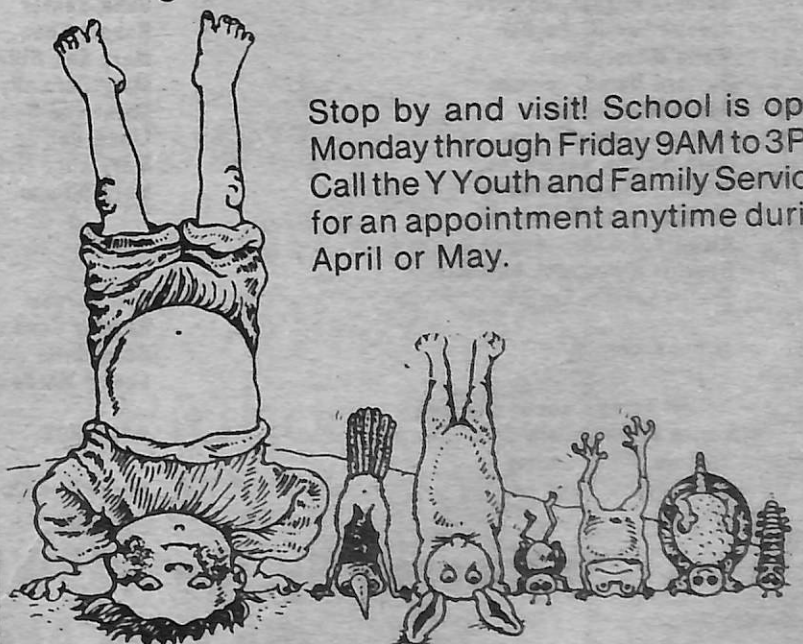
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Some of the instructors specialize in certain areas of music including folk, rock, classical, jazz and music theory. Keith Moreau, in particular, has branched out and now successfully plays the ten-string classical guitar. This "new" instrument is shaped like a traditional classical guitar, but has a wider neck and larger fingerboard to accommodate the ten strings.

Keith is a graduate of Agawam High and began teaching at the Guitar Academy in 1978. He has attended various master classes at area colleges and appears to have a bright future.

Tony and Terry Douglas, the founders of the academy, hold frequent recitals for students at their school, usually scheduled at the Capt. Leonard House and always open to the public.

Besides the professional teaching staff, the Guitar Academy features quality guitars by Washburn, Ibanez, Iida Ovation, Alvarez, and others. They carry a full line of accessories for the guitar and banjo, including amplifiers, strings, straps, music and more.

David DeChristopher of Agawam is now available as expert amplifier repairman. Joe Meunier, instructor at the academy, will feature P.A. rentals at reasonable prices beginning this summer.

Also during the summer, the annual battle of the bands will be held for students and patrons of the academy as an outlet for their musical abilities.

Band Slates Car Wash

The Agawam High School Band will be washing cars Saturday, April 25th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Middle School on Main Street.

Cars will be washed for 99¢; vans and trucks, for \$1.50. Please come and help these students raise funds needed for their various activities.

AFS Slates Pancake Breakfast



The Agawam Chapter of the American Field Service will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast to be served by the Agawam Lions Club on Sunday, May 3rd from 8 a.m. to noon at the Agawam Middle School. Proceeds will benefit the AFS Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$1.75 for adults and \$1.00 for children. They will be available at the door or by calling 786-5573.

(Left to right), hard at work making posters announcing the event are high school students Lori Acosta, Jerilyn Sullivan, Laura Baldoni of Argentina, and Mark Turnbull of South Africa. AFS Advisor David Hobson looks on with some expert advice: Photo by Jack Devine.

Short Takes

We doubt very much that the boss will try to save any fuel by abandoning his practice of keeping us in hot water all day long.

The tornado season peaks in early summer, except in election years, when the big winds really whoop in October.

If you watch TV very, very closely, the rascals will make away with your refrigerator, store and sink before you become aware of what's going on.

Have you noticed the express line growing at the supermarket? That's because not many can afford to buy more than 10 items.

Short Takes

The reason you hear so little of debating teams anymore is that the participants have become Little League parents.

People who drive a bargain usually have it in the repair shop about half the time.

Behind the eight-ball: Anyone holding tickets for one of those packaged tours for Iran next summer.

The good recordings are most often to be found buried under the stack of the top-10.

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AHS Class of '71 Seeks Classmates

The Agawam High School Class of 1971 will be having their 10-year reunion on June 20, 1981. Dinner and Dancing will be at the Springfield Turnverein Club on Garden Street in Agawam.

The committee has been unable to locate the following classmates: Brenda Algar, Donna Barreffaldi, Candy Bassani, Ronald Benoit, James Blanch, Beth Blews, Richard Brignoli, Patricia Brunelle, Elaine B'Shara, Dwight Cabra, David Carney, Paul Cirillo, John Cogswell, Bertha Cook, Thomas Davies, John Fiorini, Michael Foley, Cheryl Hale, Cynthia Jenney, Patricia Jensen, David Jeserski, Peter Kingsley, Diane Lederer, Nancy Leger, Patricia Lucier, Anita Lynch, Paula McLeod, Mary McMullin, Antoinette Moccia, Daniel Nichols, George Pappas, Thomas Pugh, Charlene Rawson, Laurie Ryer, Ann Seidell, Dianne Shea, Helen Sheffer, Michael Stefanik, Jay Sterling, Linda Syriac, Sam Tarnauskas, Suzanne Taylor, Brian Tease, Brenda Walker, Susan Wallace, Michael Welch, John West, Mary Lou Wood, Lynn Caramazza, Patricia Dalton, Steve Drake, and Sally Gokey.

Anyone able to provide an address for these classmates should please contact reunion committee members: Edward Adamski, Jim Flynn, Terry Placanico Hill or Sharon Suffriti Gendron.

Special Olympians Prepare For Contest



The Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Agawam Rotary will hold a "Bowl-Off" at the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street on May 16th with proceeds to benefit the Agawam Special Olympics team and the Paul Harris International Scholarship. Ted Turdryn, motor development teacher and Linda Geiger, Readiness teacher at Phelps School, have

been hard at work helping their young contestants prepare for the upcoming district and state competitions. Anyone wishing to sponsor a bowler is asked to call 786-2671 or 786-5306. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Seated is Nicole Stocum; standing are Rosemary DeStefano, Debbie Bertera, and Donald Schlichting.

Weekend Paper Drive

Boy Scout Troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church is having a weekend paper drive on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26 at the Church parking lot.

The boys will be collecting papers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For pickups, call Bob Johnson, 786-2444.

Holyoke C.C. Offers Program For Women In Business

The Women in Business Program at Holyoke Community College is now accepting applications for the Fall 1981 semester. The semester begins September 8 and ends December 18. This program is designed to encourage adult women (21 years or older) to enter or re-enter college to pursue their Associate's Degree in some area of business.

The only requirement to be considered for the Women In Business Program is that you have a diploma from high school or the equivalent, which is called a GED. Classes for this program are three days a week (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) starting at 9 a.m. and ending by 1 p.m.

The Women In Business program is a one semester program designed to help adult women make the transition from homemaker and/or employee to part-time student. Two of three courses we recommend for your first semester are English Composition and Introduction to Business. The third course we recommend will be based on your particular area of interest at this time.

In addition, prior to September 8, we strongly urge you to take our How to Study Effectively course. This is offered for one week (mornings only) to prepare you for your first day of classes.

Financial aid is available to any woman who is eligible. Keep in mind that it takes 4-6 weeks to process these financial aid forms.

If you are interested in this program, please call Holyoke Community College at 538-7000, Extension 512 (Joyce Agnoli) or 524 (Jean Goodwin) or leave a message at Extension 276. All messages will be returned within 24 hours.

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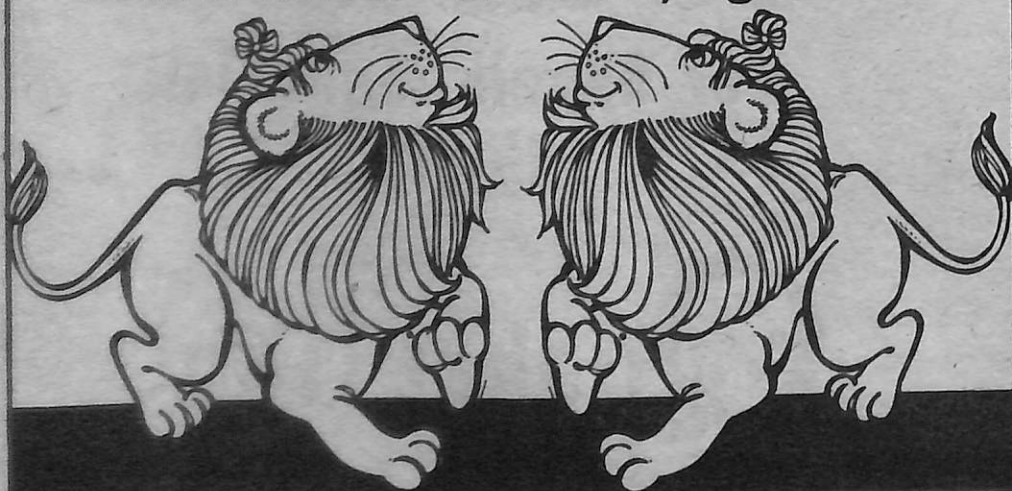
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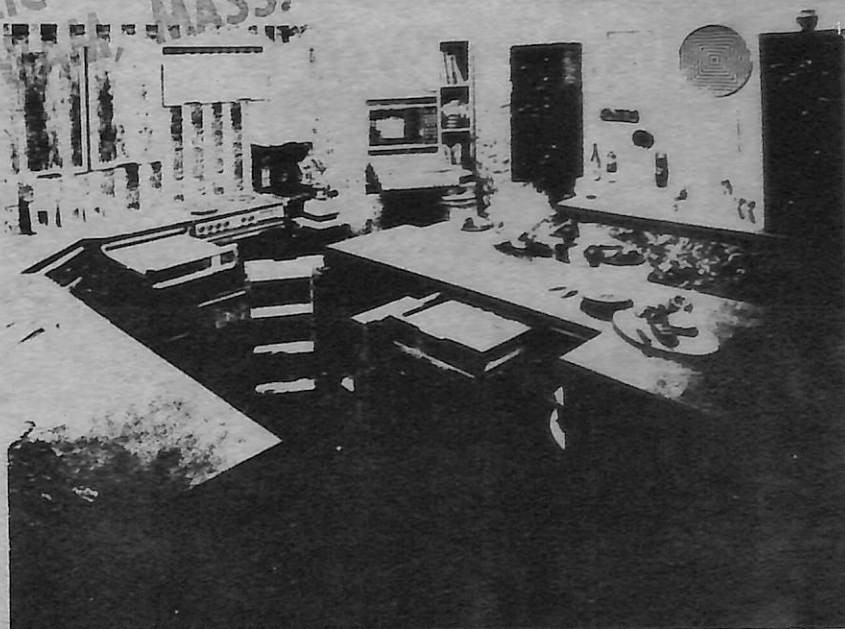
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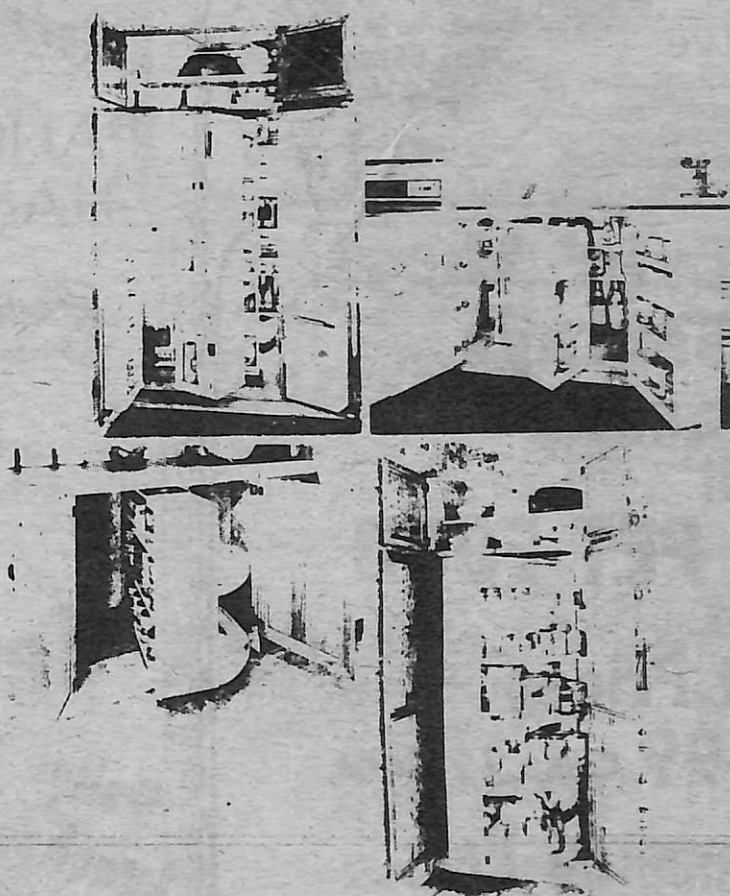
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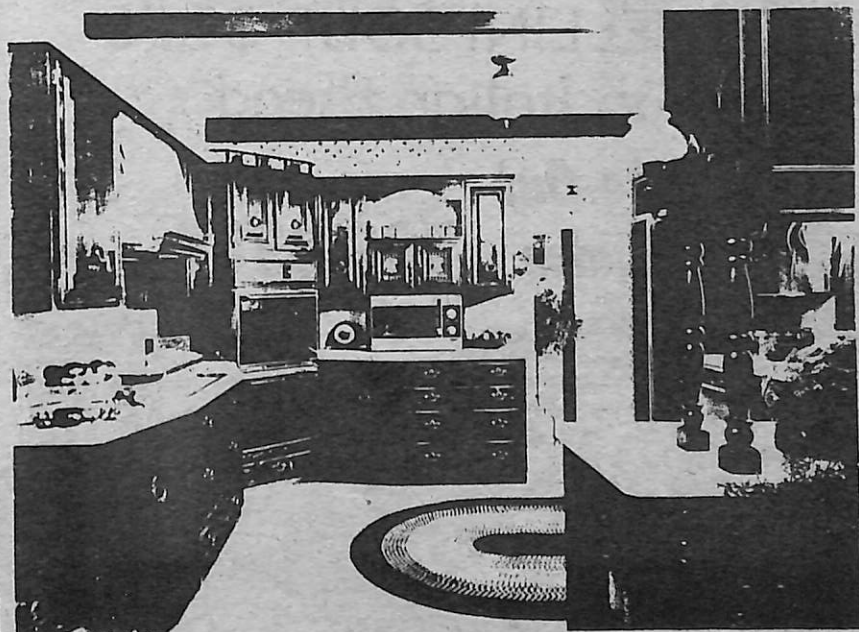
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SPORTS

Girls Track Take Second Loss To Falcons

By Debbie Guidi

For the 1981 girl's track team, Coach Rose Stratton's expectation is that most of the squad's successes are likely to come in the form of individual accomplishments rather than an impressive team record.

As a young and inexperienced team, Agawam this year just does not have the resources to draw on that some of the opposition in their division possesses.

This was the case in Monday's loss to Minnechaug, where the Brownies once again faced an opponent with greater depth and experience but nonetheless managed to snap-up several first place spots and several impressive personal efforts.

Agawam's cause was helped Monday by the first place efforts of Denise Murray, Karen O'Malley and Lynn Mogan.

Lynn Mogan extended an exceptional effort in the 100 yard low hurdles for first place, while Denise Murray grabbed first place in the discus (82'4 1/2") and Javelin (85'7").

Agawam was also boosted by a first place effort from Kathy O'Malley in the high jump as well as Patrice Ross's 77'7 1/2" mark for her discus.

"Considering the strength of Minnechaug, we did very well. The competition's tough in this division. The other teams have depth where we're using girls twice," explained Mrs. Stratton.

While the win-loss record suffered a blow from this and Thursdays loss to South Hadley, Agawam put forth such a solid effort as well as having some standouts that showed up on the scoresheet, Mrs. Stratton remains optimistic.

The squad, says Mrs. Stratton, cannot be considered a pushover by any squad and will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

The team goes on the road to Amherst and West Springfield before facing Southwick at home May 4 in a 5:30 p.m. contest.

Coming Down The Easy Way...



Agawam varsity tracksters are already making themselves heard throughout Division B with a quick start out of the gate. Under the guidance of coaches Gus Young and Joe Modzelewski, the Brownies have several outstanding tracksters and will be heard from this season despite the loss of many senior last June. Photo by Jack Devine.

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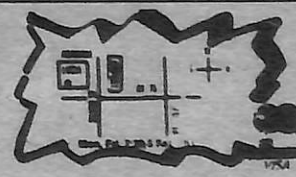
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Brownies Clip Falcons, 3-2

By Charles Duclos

Agawam High's nine sojourned to Wilbraham earlier this week to take on the Minnechaug Falcons in the Brownies' first Division B outing. The Brownies, under the wand of coach Gerry Smith, synchronized their efforts in the seven inning game and handed the Falcons their wings in a 3-2 nip.

First inning action found senior Dave Lyne first when a sacrifice bunt by Don Gallerani and hard running by Lyne moved him to third. Scott Negrucci doubled and drove in the 3rd base hugger. Negrucci, faster than Mercury, stole both third and home and surged the visitors to a 2-0 lead.

Neither side had the edge through the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, until the 5th inning when Agawam's Scott Josephson walked and Lyne was hit on the elbow by a fastball.

Josephson, now on second was in scoring position. Busy feet by this fellow would not be stilled, and dancin shoes and a keen eye coordinated to allow him to steal 3rd. A bad throw by Minnechaug's catcher to his hot-corner man sailed over the target's head, and Josephson cross the plate, thus giving the locals a 3-0 edge.

Sixth inning action gave Brownie' hurler Paul Dezielle some anxious moments as he gave up two runs, which came on a single, a walk, and a standout double. Scott Negrucci, playing deep in the short-stop pit, saved another tally by the Falcons.

Moving swiftly to his left, he scooped up a soundly smashed ball and although not nipping the runner at first, it did discourage the runner sitting at third from making a move.

Dezielle gave up a hit in the 7th and final frame, but supported by good fielding, he had basically no trouble wrapping it up for Agawam.

AAA Piranha s Set For Spring Practice

Do you like to swim? Do you like to win? Well, come join the Agawam Athletic Association's Piranha Swim Team. We would enjoy having you.

The AAA Piranha Swim Team has been in existence for the past seven years and now the summer season practices will start again on Monday, April 27 at 6 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School pool.

Come sign up now! It's still not to late.

If you signed-up last fall for the winter - summer season, meet us for the first practice on April 27th.

We are pleased to have the very capable and talented Miss Judi Greogory back with us this season to coach the Piranhas.

If you have any questions, please contact Irene Scalise at 786-5010 or Marilyn Talbot at 786-0738.

Welcome To My World...

By Charles J. Duclos

SOCCER ROUNDUP

After a long rest, soccer starts again this weekend. Playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League, the Agawam Soccer Association and the Polish Club of Feeding Hills are sponsoring a team, ably coached by Bill O'Brien. O'B's girls' team has been having strenuous workouts and scrimmages over the past three weeks. The femme fatales of the field have taken on a slightly younger group from West Springfield where they dropped the kids from the other side of the tracks 3-2. Next our gals met the 19 and under all-stars in a scrimmage and were handed their heads in a massacre 6-2. Coach O'Brien is not upset with this type of performance as it is a good reminder to his charges that the "real" season is close at hand and the experience of playing a more mature team is good for sharpening skills. Each of these games were training lessons and he looks forward to leading his team back to the state finals as he did last year.

Big footers returning to his squad from last season are Jennifer O'Brien, Pam Rowen, Lisa Chevalier, Julie Miodowski, Deanne Duclos, Chris McCarthy, Diane Goodman, Pam Marganti, Michelle Duclos, Missy Sullivan, LeeAnn Sandlin, and Tammy Potter. New to the team are Carri Szabla, Kim Heckman, and Dana Venturini.

The ladies will be playing in the 16-and-under age group.

Mike Walsh is coaching the boys' 16 and under group, playing in the same soccer league as the girls. His gang is sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association and the Roadrunner Muffler Shop. Seasoned players include Billy O'Brien, Dave Duclos, Dave Stratton, Dave Jenks, Tony Caputo, Mike Sardella, Mike Petrone, Rick Costa, Allister Fairlie, Willy Fairlie, Phil Podorski, Tom Lockwood, Mike Parolo, and Jean Nicole.

C.J.D. has taken to the roads again via his bicycle. Every year I make the valiant effort to "look good" at the beach; however, it is generally shortlived. Over the past few weeks, I've mustered some holdover energy from last spring and have dusted off the bike and pumped around the neighborhood each morning. It's terrific! Getting out in the early morning air and communing with nature really sets the tone for the remainder of the day. Time permitting, I swing my bike down Memorial Avenue and ride into the sun. What an exhilarating feeling I experience pumping towards the east. Going far enough to where a person can see the sun rising above the structures of Bondi's Island,

nature can be witnessed in its rawest form. That's a great way to get shaped up.

THE BENCHWARMER IS COMING!!!

Coach Bill O'Brien's 16 and under girls' squad started of the season for outdoor soccer in a resounding defeat of the East Longmeadow Whitecaps by a score of 8-0. Sponsored by the Polish Club of Feeding Hills and playing for the Agawam Soccer Association, our gals started out sluggishly while controlling the action in E.L. half of the field, but once they started rolling there was no stopping them.

The Polish power mustered its strength approximately twelve minutes into the first half when Missy Sullivan left-footed an unassisted goal past E.L.'s goalie to give Agawam a 1-0 edge. Sailing over the Whitecaps from then on, spurred on by a gale force wind, re-enforced markers from Dana Venturini, Chris McCarthy, and doubles from Lisa Chevalier and Diane Goodman.

Newcomer to the squad, Kim Heckman and old-timers, Deanne and Michelle Duclos, as well as Lee Ann Sandlin and Julie Miodowski, turned in a whale of a performance. Pam Rowen, and Jennifer O'Brien are side-lined, temporarily we hope, with injuries.

Mike Walsh's 16 and under boys' team, sponsored by the Roadrunner Muffler Shop, were shutout 5-0 on Easter Sunday by a crafty Ludlow Industrial Soccer Club. The Agawam eleven handled themselves well but were just unable to put the sphere into the net. Turning in good performances were Davey Jenks, Dave Stratton, Billy O'Brien and Mike Sardella.

"BENCHWARMER" - The benchwarmer series will be starting in the near future. It will be devoted primarily to American Legion and Tri-County baseball. Let the strike among the professionals begin; our local teams will provide heads-up ball right in our backyards. Don't fight the traffic and parking headaches - come out and support the local nines.

Coverage for some of the games will be done by the original Armchair Athlete and reported in a special column marked "The Benchwarmer." Look for it in the near future. There will be insights into the clubs, players, schedules, and even the "Warmer", an almost made it athlete.

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FUTURE Olympic hopeful for figure skating is Elaine Zayak. Elaine, 15, is a sophomore at Paramus, N.J., High School. She recently won a silver medal in the women's singles in world figure skating championships held in Hartford, Conn.

Monday Night Bowlers Conclude Season

The "Monday Nite Mixups" concluded their bowling season with an annual banquet at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills. The big event took place on Saturday, April 11th. The food was delicious, the service great, and the atmosphere very relaxed and friendly.

Following the ample meal, year-end awards were given out. "Tom's Turkey" headed by chief turkey Tom Rennert, captured first place honors. Besides Tom, team members include Joanne Rennert, Neal Ellsworth, Bea King, and Erna Wedemeyer. Second place trophies went to "The Gutter Goofers" - Keith Ellsworth, Wally Kenyon, Gerd Kormannshaus, Laurie LaBaff, and Luci Kucavich.

Individual bowlers earning special recognition included dynamite Dick Langevin, whose average of 181 earned him the Hi Average trophy in the men's division. Bowling enthusiast Erna Wedemeyer topped the women with her strong 145 average.

Dick also captured the Hi Series trophy with his remarkable 725 series. Fellow bowlers remember

that Monday as a night when Dick could do nothing wrong. Teammate Penny Stone received the Hi Series trophy in the women's division for her 658 series which she bowled on the last night of the season (?).

Hi Game trophies went to Gerd Kormannshaus who bowled 276 in this his first year league bowling. Penny Stone won Hi Series trophy for her end of the season game of 256.

Most Improved Female Bowler award went to Laurie LaBaff whose bowling game advanced along with her state of pregnancy. In the end, her average increased by 13 pins, while her family increased by one beautiful daughter. Winning Most Improved Male Bowler was none other than Dick Langevin who stunned everyone with his 20 point pin increase.

Special recognition goes to Wally Kenyon who broke her bowling arm while roller skating and went on to bowl left handed. Her team still came in second place.

All in all, it was a great season and most of the Turnverein bowlers are already anxious to get back to it again come September.



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Turnverein Turns Out Gymnasts

In the New England District Apparatus Championships held recently in Clinton, Mass., 18 young gymnasts competed from the Springfield Turnverein on 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills. The host society was the Clinton Turnverein.

Good performances were given by all area youngsters: Tara Plante, Michele Rennert, Amanda Moynihan, Amy Weber, Jennifer Moynihan, Michelle Willard, Rebecca Ramah, Traci Trudel, Tammi Johnson, Amy Matthews, Kimberly Zielinski, Kristin Stone, Brenda Bailey, Patricia Demers, Michelle Sheridan, Susan Rossi, Kristen Langevin, and Pat Banas.

Jennifer Moynihan tied for third place on the uneven parallel bars, fifth place on balance beam, and second place on floor exercises. She placed third all around on floor. Amy Weber placed fourth on vault and tied for sixth on balance beam. Pat Banas tied for first on uneven parallel bars and placed fourth all around.

The gymnasts were able to rent a bus to transport them to Clinton with the support of Club members and friends who donated generously to the gymnastic fund (the coat room). Earlier in the year, seven young Turnverein gymnasts traveled to the Adams Turnverein for a gymnastic clinic to help prepare them for future competitions. Those attending included: Branda Bailey, Becky Ramah, Susan Rossi, Amy Weber, Tammi Johnson, Amy Matthews, and Kristin Stone.

Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba

Fishing in Connecticut ended March 31st to allow Dept. of Environmental Protection personnel to complete stocking operations, which were begun shortly after the February 28th close of the trout season. Conn. does not have 12 month fishing. Opening day is April 18th this year and the fever of it is very noticeable just south of the border. And well it should be.

Approximately 835,000 trout have been allocated for the 1981 season. More than 60 percent will be stocked before opening day. The remainder of the fish will be stocked through the season but before June 1. They will be placed in the 250 streams and 80 lakes designated as trout waters. This year's allotment of trout is made up of 500,000 brown trout, 190,000 rainbows and 145,000 brook trout. As in prior years, a limited number of trophy sized excess brood stock fish will be dispersed throughout the season's releases for the luck angler.

DEP Deputy Commissioner DeCarli, declares that fishermen should not keep or report the capture of small salmon. "Atlantic salmon smolts will be released during the spring. Every effort should be made to

avoid taking sub-legal fish so they can migrate to the sea and to return in two years as eight to ten pound adults," adds DeCarli.

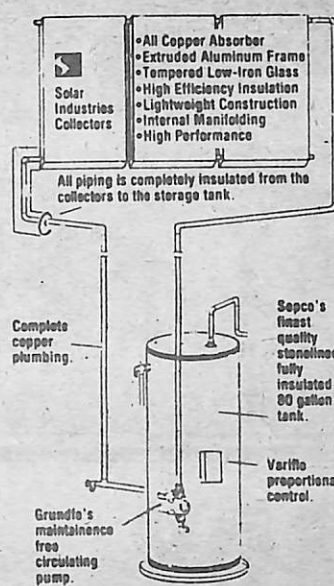
The Agawam Bowmen Club will host its first sanctioned MBBA archery Tournament April 24th at the club range on Provin Mountain. For the first time since the MBBA was founded Compound Bows without sights will be allowed in the competition. If you have a compound and want to taste for the first time the thrill of shooting in competition (either target or hunter classes) sign up after 8:30 p.m. Registration will close at 1:00 p.m. Awards will be given in each class that is registered.

A reminder, you can take 6 trout legally from April 18th on. When we had seasonal fishing for trout, the hue and cry of the fishermen was that the kids on school vacation were taking all the trout from the lakes and streams before the legal opening of the season. Now, we have a year round season. Guess what.

The adult fishermen are taking six trout before April 18th. They are only entitled to 3 fish. The most heard excuse is "I didn't know that the limit was only three, why don't they advertise the limit." It is printed in very plain language in the rules and regulations you get when you buy your license. My hat is off to the warden who apprehended 8 or so-called sportsmen at Congomond who had more than the limit in their possession.

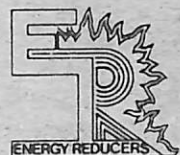
The Law Enforcement is now up to a full complement and are putting men in the field in plain clothes. The guy fishing next to you could be a game warden. Think about that when you are tempted to put that extra fish on your reel.

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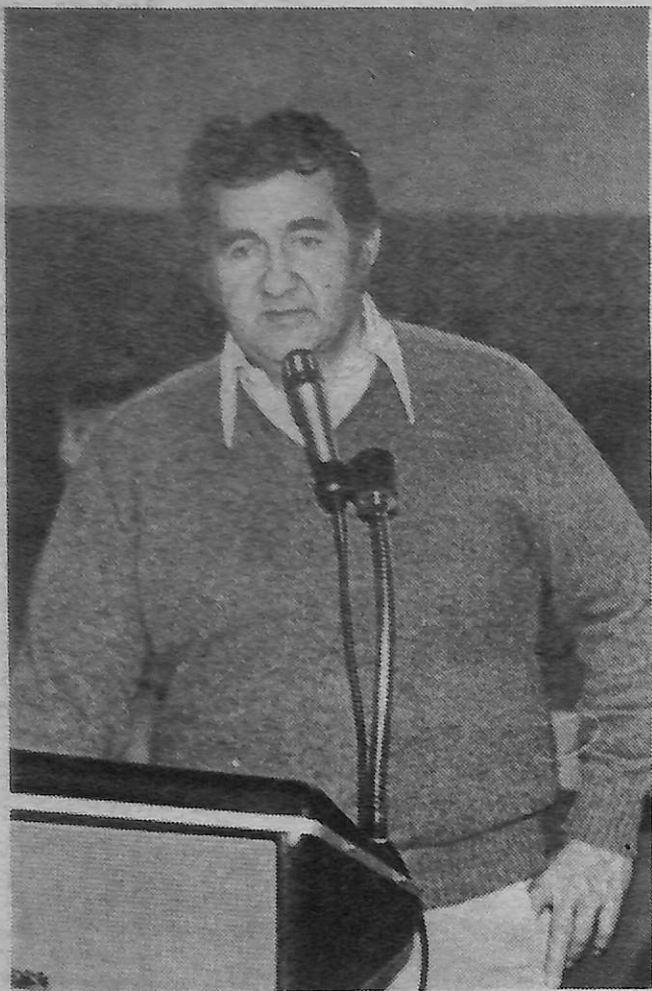
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Gerald J. Mason

Mason To Retire From AAA Post

Youth sports and recreation will be losing one of its best friends next year when longtime Agawam Athletic Association President Gerald J. Mason steps down from the helm of the area's most respected and successful youth athletic organizations.

August of '82

Mason's official retirement from the AA is scheduled for August 1, 1982.

Mason, 49, today told *The Advertiser/News* that Daniel Lacienski, currently a vice-president in the association, will assume the presidency pending approval by the 15-member board of directors.

Mason, one of the founders of the Agawam Athletic Association, has served as the association's president since its inception in 1971.

He has been a leader in youth sports and recreation in this area for 31 years.

"I may still remain active in the association in some capacity, but it's time for me to step down. I've been at it for a long time and feel the time has come to allow someone else the privilege of running the AA," he said.

Mason has been directly responsible for the AA growing from an organization that began with \$34 in its treasury and no participants to one that currently exceeds 2,300 young people in a wide array of sports.

The AA coordinates boys and girls baseball and softball, boys and girls basketball, its own suburban baseball, softball and swimming teams, a learn-to-swim program and spring track.

Past AA programs were football, soccer, cheerleading, boxing, and wrestling.

Mason says that AA remains in sound financial shape and has a superb corps of adult supervisors and coaches.

Blasts Prop. 2 1/2

He did, however, fire several blasts at the taxcutting Proposition 2 1/2 for being "devastating to town recreation and youth sports."

Mason said of 2 1/2, "It's a catastrophe for sports and recreation in general. The programs in Agawam will suffer and that means the children will suffer too. I don't think individuals in the community yet realize what the elimination of their Parks and Recreation Department means," he added, referring to Town Manager Richard Bowen's proposed abolishment of that department.

"Unfortunately," he continued, "history has shown that more often than not people don't realize what they've lost until after it's gone."

Mason said unless townspeople rally against the elimination of the Park and Recreation Department, "many of the excellent programs we have built in this town over many years will be impaired or altered."

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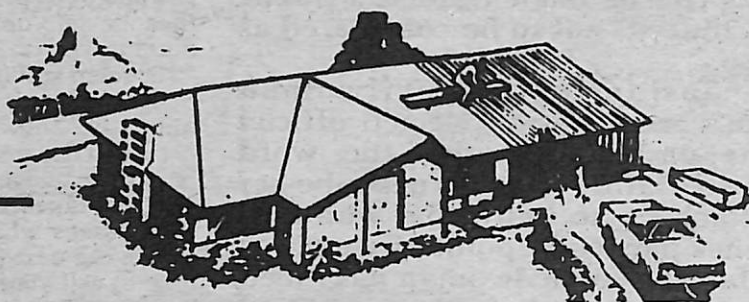
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EDITORIAL

Charges By Bonavita Resemble Ghost

The charges by at-large councilwoman Elaine Bonavita that the municipal bidding procedures for contracts under the administration of Town Manager Richard J. Bowen are corrupt appear to be heading down a path of nonsense.

The word "corruption" as apparently applied in this case and as stated in Webster's Dictionary means "characterized by bribery, the selling of political favors or other improper conduct."

Certainly, these accusations are as severe as can be made against a public official. Indeed, not to be considered as nonsense.

But considering councilwoman Bonavita's record as an elected official over the past 16 months, the word nonsense certainly seems to describe her latest attack on an individual who fails to hold her particular point of view.

Thus far, the councilwoman has failed to produce one shred of documentation or evidence to substantiate her charges that were issued several weeks ago in a public forum: the press.

She attempted to bring forth her alleged accusations at a council meeting recently but was shutoff since she refused to give specifics to her previous stated allegations.

Soonafter, councilors Andrew Gallano and Richard Theroux attempted to clear the matter on the council floor. The council, on their beckoning, voted to have Ms. Bonavita "place the cards on the table" at the council's regularly scheduled meeting April 21.

Again, councilor Bonavita failed to produce the goods of her blistering public attack of Bowen's and the town's integrity.

Councilor Bonavita's conduct on the matter was indifferent and she said she "could write a book on what I have and I didn't realize I had to put it on the agenda tonight."

The time has arrived for councilwoman Bonavita to produce her evidence. She was quick enough to make the charges...is her evidence a ghost? Does this account for the delay? We believe so.

The council gave the councilwoman until Friday, April 24 to issue a written statement of her evidence. She says the evidence will be produced at the council's May 4 meeting.

If, as we believe, her latest round of political attacks cannot be substantiated and fall to the wayside as so many of the others, then this time, the council must act on it, and act decisively, such as a public censure.

Any other action would only give further impetus for more attacks and character assassination by the councilwoman.

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Guest Editorial...

Does Town Planning Matter

By Councilor Richard Theroux

Does town planning matter? It does indeed. It is, however, a complex issue with no easy solution.

The zoning in the Town of Agawam has been formed by Planning Board, Town Meeting and Town Council action for the past 136 years. Has it always been the right action?

*During the first week of May, Town Council will meet with the Health Board, Planning Board and Conservation Commission in an effort to find common ground on which to begin a review of our zoning ordinances.

*On April 21, Town Council was scheduled to vote on whether or not to place an amendment to the Town Charter on the ballot in November which will state "the Town Council shall adopt a zoning master plan, which will serve as a guide to all future council action." If this amendment is passed, it will then be left up to the townspeople to approve or disapprove.

*The town administration has put forth in the 1981-82 budget a position for town planner. This individual must have knowledge in the field of planning and expertise in the area of zoning. This item will be decided on during budget deliberations.

I have taken this opportunity to present you with three issues which will come before Town Council within the next few months. I hope you will find the time to call your councilor and give your opinion on these issues.



On Local Politics

By Stephen Gazillo

Looking Into State Mandated Funding

One issue seldom discussed in the current debates throughout the state concerning the limitations of Proposition 2 1/2 is the issue of funding for state mandated programs.

In the coming weeks, this column will explore how state mandated programs are presented and passed in the Massachusetts Legislature, who they are designed to benefit, and how funding for these programs ultimately affects local government's fiscal autonomy.

In the long run, we will take a close look at the actual cost in dollars and cents of these programs to the local property tax payer.

A few questions should be answered here. First, what are state mandated programs?

Essentially, they are programs which by law must be carried out by cities and towns. Unlike "local acceptance" programs initiated by the state, which allow a community to vote whether or not to implement a program, a city or town has no choice with respect to implementing the state-mandated program.

A good example in Massachusetts of a state mandated program is Chapter 766, a program involving physically, mentally, and emotionally handicapped children in our school system.

The State of Massachusetts requires each local school department to provide educational opportunities to these special needs children with modifications (e.g. special teachers, special classes, special transportation) to meet their specific abilities.

This is a humane gesture, and it can be argued that without the mandated program, schools could very well ignore special needs children who have the same right to be educated as everyone else.

Let's not confuse the purpose of our investigation. The issue we will explore is not the merits of state mandated programs, but the FUNDING of these programs.

Specifically, how much of the cost to implement them does the state assume, and how much of the burden is carried without any options by local governments?

It should be pointed out from the outset that our local representative has a long-standing record of voting against these programs in which the state does not assume its share of the costs.

It is hoped that the series will show why Proposition 2 1/2 does not appear to be working the way people would like it to work.

The series will begin next week.

Letters to the Editor

"Put Up Or Shut Up"

To The Editor:

Recently the Agawam Town Council "challenged" a member councilor to "put up or shut up" when she requested that the bidding process be looked into by the council because she felt that "something is wrong with how the bids have been awarded" in town.

I have said it in the past and I say it again: The Manager has broken, in fact, our three managers' have broken the law, the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and our Home Rule Charter.

I have dug pretty deep into the contract awarding in Agawam and found that there is no way that an investigation can be made into the contract awarding unless the council as a whole agree to do so.

Unless the council (who have the full power to do so) take action, there is no way an individual councilor can investigate the issue. The reason no investigation can take place anyway is there are no records available to examine, or to compare with, to get any answers.

The town clerk does not have any of the contracts on file (except the labor contracts).

Chapter 41 - Section 17 clearly states "Every officer who makes or executes a contract shall furnish said contracts or copies thereof to the City Clerk or City Auditor within one week after execution" - and "any officer failing to comply with the section shall be punished by a fine!!"

There are no contracts on file except the recent car purchase contract, that is, the contract of just the successful bidder, and I caused that to be filed, it was not filed within the seven day requirement.

More important none, not one of the unsuccessful bidders' bids are on file either. Without all bidder proposals on file how far can you get with an investigation? This is a very critical law and a strict law. Just think of the Boston scandals (still being investigated about contract awarding).

There is another and more serious aspect of the contract awarding in Agawam. The home rule charter states in a clear and simple sentence under Section 3-4-0 titled "Power and Duties" of the manager, and that sentence is: "Copies of all proposed contracts shall be filed with the clerk of the council" - just a simple line and yet the council, the manager, led by councilor Andrew C. Gallano, who likes to revel in the fact that he "wrote the charter" have either deliberately or ignorantly not complied with the law. Just think, every contract that has gone out to bid by law, had to be reviewed by the council and approved by them before they went to the bidders.

We wonder if in light of Prop. 2 1/2 if the council in their wisdom-in their pursuit of the car-cruiser-contract would have agreed with, buying foreign cars, accepted the color change-or even the need to spend all that money now.

Valentine R. Moreno
Citizens For Good Government

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of JERRY HERZENBERG who is seeking relief from Section 20-53 (b) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of an addition with less than the required rear yard at the premises known as 582 MEADOW STREET EXTENSION.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
T. A. Progulski, Chairman
Published: April 23, 1981
April 30, 1981

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 23, 1981, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Administration Building, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Law Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act on the petition of John F. & Dorothy A. Rosati, to perform work subject to the Act on "Anthony Street."

Anthony P. Liquori, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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Raymond A. Saracino Saracino To Run For School Board

Raymond A. Saracino today announced his intention to be a candidate for the office of School Committee in Agawam.

Saracino is a life-long resident of Agawam. He has been very active in civic, government and youth programs for the past thirty years.

He has previously been elected to the Agawam Parks & Recreation Commission for two terms and retired from that office as chairman of the board.

He also served two terms on the Planning Board and was elected as a town assessor. Saracino has been appointed to several boards and commissions among those being the Junior High School Building Committee and more recently by the Town Manager in 1980 to the Library Review Committee.

He has been active in many local fundraisers. He was town chairman for the Agawam Businessmen's Heart Fund Drive, manager of the Pioneer Valley Scout Financial Drive and chairman of the St. Jude Childrens Hospital Drive. He was an organizer of the Agawam Lettermen's Club, the Agawam Athletic Association and the Agawam High School Wrestling Booster Club.

Saracino has been active in the area of sports programs and recreation. He was an Agawam High School Freshmen Football Coach, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, director of the youth organization sponsored by St. Anthony's Parish, a director of the Inter Church Baseball league, was treasurer of the Agawam Athletic Association and has been director of the Finance Board of the Agawam Athletic Association for three years.

Saracino has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the community by the Agawam Jay-ees who nominated him as the Outstanding Young Man in Agawam in 1972. He was the recipient of the first Outstanding Services Award presented by the Agawam Athletic Association and was chosen by the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks as Agawam's Outstanding Citizen in 1974.

Saracino, 47, resides at 245 High Street with his wife, the former Shirley Mutti, and his three children.

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Precinct Two resident Daniel J. Lacienski of 268 South West Street today formally announced his candidacy for Town Council from the precinct.

Lacienski today pledged to conduct a vigorous door-to-door campaign focused on discussing with residents the issues facing Precinct Two and the community as a whole.

Lacienski has compiled an excellent background on zoning ordinances with Agawam. He is an advocate of conservation and proper town planning for Precinct Two and the community. He is a former spokesman in these areas as chairman of the steering committee for the Agawam Citizen's Together Committee (A.C.T.).

He was chairman of the Agawam Parade Committee in 1980 and chairman of the program book for the Polish American Club's 25th Anniversary celebration.

Lacienski has become active in many functions in Agawam over the past five years. He has devoted a large portion of his efforts to the youth of the community as an 8-10 boys baseball coach for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association and a 10-12 boys baseball coach with the Agawam Athletic Association.

He is presently commissioner of the AAA spring track program and is a former member of the board of directors for both the Sacred Heart and Agawam Athletic Associations.

Lacienski is now vice-president of the Agawam Athletic Association.

He is a graduate of Holyoke Hospital School of Respiratory Therapy, and was the former Assistant Chief of the Pulmonary Medicine Department at Pro-



Daniel J. Lacienski

vidence Hospital and Chief of Respiratory Services at Ludlow Hospital.

He is presently employed as President of American Surgical Corp., and is a member of the board of directors and vice president of Palm Beach Medical Corporation of Dover, Delaware.

Lacienski resides with his wife, Lee, and their three children.

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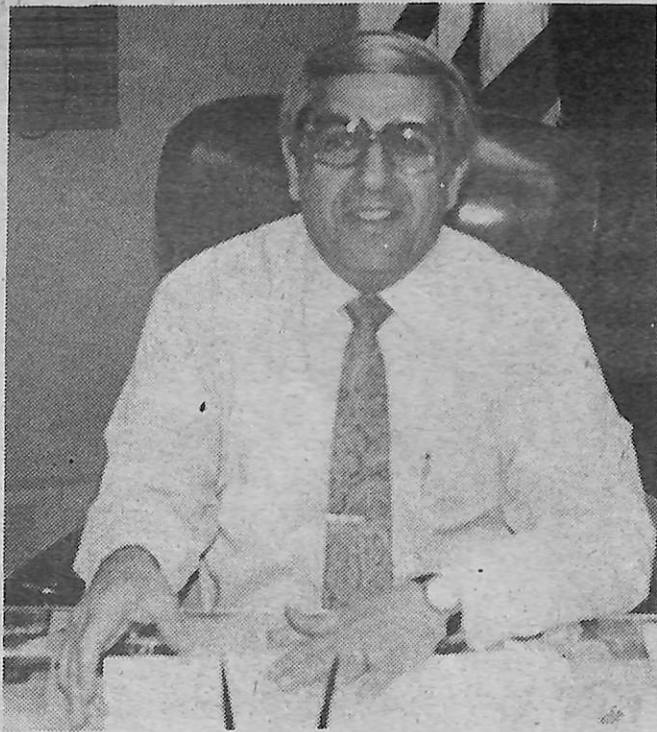
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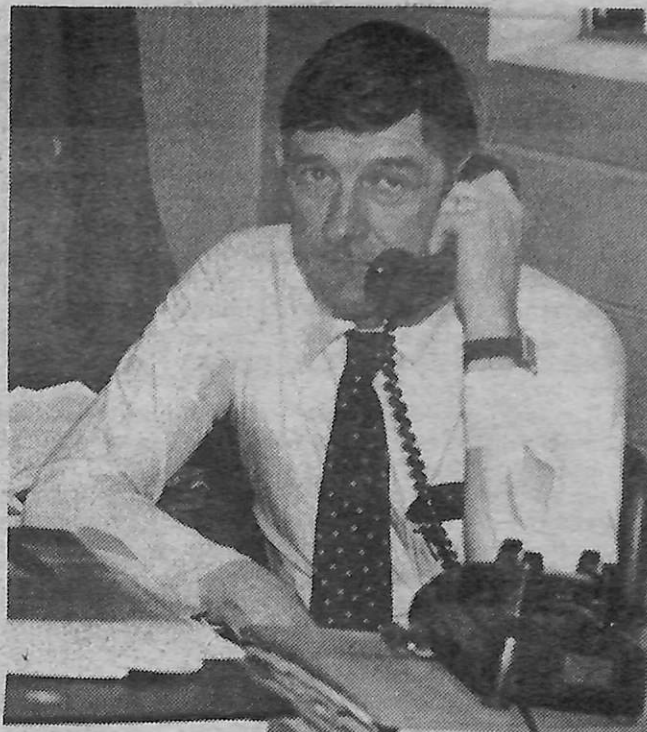


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Meet Your Local Postmasters

By Stephen Gazillo

There are not many cities or town in the United States today that can boast of having two full-time postmasters with over 60 years of combined experience in the postal service.

Not So Unusual

But for Feeding Hills Postmaster Joseph Dahdah and Agawam Postmaster Robert DeForge, the fact that there are two postmasters in one town is not so unusual.

According to Dahdah, who was appointed to the Feeding Hills post by Congressman Edward P. Boland in 1967, the two post offices in town evolved out of geographical circumstances.

He explains that the current system of two postmasters is a carry-over from the days when distance was a major factor in mail delivery. Since Feeding Hills Center was developed along the in-

tersection of Route 57 and North/South Westfield Streets and Agawam developed along Main Street, it was easier to have two separate offices, Dahdah said.

Both men agree that the day will come when there will be only one postmaster for the entire town, but in the meantime, they are working hard to ensure that the current system functions without any hitches.

DeForge became postmaster of Agawam 17 years ago after having worked 22 years in the postal service, first as a mail carrier. Eleven postmasters came before him. The first Post Office in Agawam opened on January 13, 1815 on South Main Street. Agawam now has the lowest zip code on the continent, 01001.

Dahdah heads the oldest post office in the area and succeeds a long line of postmasters. He is the twenty-fourth on the list that began with Samuel Flower in 1808.

Dahdah began as a letter carrier over 25 years ago. Both of the town's postmasters are true to life public servants, holding down a plethora of distinctive positions in the public and professional eye.

DeForge, for example, has been a town councilor for six years. He is also president of the Western Mass. Postmaster's Association, and past president of the local American Legion.

Dahdah is currently chairman of the Agawam Liquor Commission, president of the Special Delivery Messenger's Association, and was the treasurer for the March of Dimes for five years.

Major Concerns

What are the major concerns of our postmasters today?

"The biggest problem we've had to deal with are mail boxes being destroyed," they concur. According to DeForge, the Police Department's postal inspection service is constantly looking for ways of solving the problem of vandalism. Dahdah advises people to notify Police immediately upon discovering that their mailbox has been tampered with.

"One preventive measure," DeForge said, "is to notify your Post Office if you're going away on vacation. We can withhold your mail until you get back," he added.

Other problems they identified were unmarked mail boxes and letters addressed to the wrong post office. "It takes an extra day if a letter destined for Feeding Hills is sent to Agawam," DeForge said.

Both men feel people have a misconception of the Post Offices latest rate increase from 15 cents to 18 cents for first class letters.

"The last rate increase for the U.S. Postal Service came in May, 1978," DeForge said. "I defy any business to equal or better that performance."

Dahdah pointed out that the United States Congress only subsidizes four percent of the postal operations, with the rest coming from the money they take in.

"The four percent that they give is for charitable operations," he said.

Since these men started, they have implemented changes that have made each area they oversee more efficient and safe to make mail deliveries.

Boxes On Both Sides

Dahdah, for example, has eliminated problems in roads that are extremely hazardous to cross, such as Route 57. "We've placed boxes on both sides of the street to avoid the dangers of accidents," he said.

DeForge has eliminated areas where there were group mailboxes, which posed a constant threat of vandalism, and had mailboxes extended down the street in front of each house. These simple measures have saved many people the aggravation of not receiving their mail because of vandals.

With twelve trucks in operation, the Agawam Post Office makes 6,200 deliveries per day. Feeding Hills, with five trucks, delivers to four thousand customers a day. Approximately 30 employees work out of the Agawam Post Office, whereas 15 work out of Feeding Hills.

DeForge Presents Awards To Local Letter Carriers

Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge recently presented safe driving awards to letter carriers at the local office.

Receiving an 18-year safe driving award was Edward Frighetto, David Howe and John Farrington; 17-year award went to Theodore Cusson; 16-year to Peter Annone; 15-year to Edward Cabral; 11-year to Frank Cahill, Mario DeLucchi, Edward Landry and Louis Veronesi.

Ten year awards were presented by DeForge to Charles Berard; 9-year to Charles Gaudino; 8-year to Joseph Avonti; and 3-year to Chester Szymczyk.

Junior Diabetes Set For Annual Tag Sale

The Agawam Junior Diabetes Foundation will hold its annual tag sale on Sunday, May 3 at the Agawam Food Mart Shopping Center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All proceeds will go to research. For more information or if you wish to make a donation please call Maredeth at 781-2862.

Nocturnal Adoration To Meet

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will hold its monthly all night vigil of the Most Blessed Sacrament at St. Louis de France Church, 817 Main Street, West Springfield, Friday, May 1 from 9 p.m. thru Saturday morning ending 6 a.m.

Rev. Thomas L. Dupre, pastor and chancellor of the Diocese will open with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Exposition throughout night closing with Benediction.

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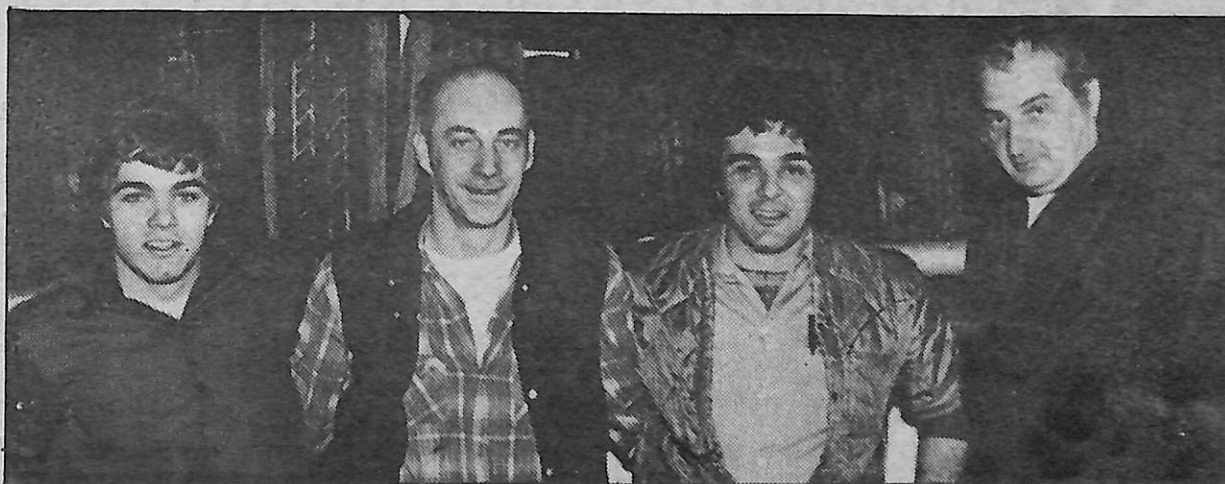
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Bowen: The First 6 Months

Town Manager Richard J. Bowen began his stewardship in Agawam on October 6, 1980. Since that time, there have been significant changes in Massachusetts, the most notable of which is the passage of Proposition 2 1/2.

Bowen had 25 years of experience in government when he started here. He has needed all that and more to deal with the fiscal responsibilities and limitations placed on the town and all communities due to 2 1/2 in Massachusetts.

The Advertiser/News sent staff reporter Stephen Gazillo to interview the 53-year old Bowen this week in an effort to uncover how he evaluates his first six months here, to query him on some specific issues, and to find out how he sees the future of Agawam.

Question: What do you feel you've accomplished since you came here last October?

Bowen: "I've survived. No seriously, I think that the biggest thing, and the most obvious, has been to develop an appropriate response to Chapter 580 (Proposition 2 1/2). I'm particularly pleased about the process we've been following. Rather than there being a great deal of public speculation, conjecture, rumor and headlines, we've developed a game plan, an implicit part of which is the calendar we've followed. Consequently, I think the budget process up to now has been a lot more deliberate and disciplined."

Question: What goals did you have when you came here, and how far are you toward achieving those goals?

Bowen: "I think there were specific projects, programs. But, first in general terms, I wanted to, and I like to believe I've been successful, in assisting the council. They're the chief policy makers. I have a responsibility to bring matters to their attention, to do so with clarity and with some sense of purpose."

Whether or not the council necessarily acts when the matter is brought to them is their decision. The fact is, almost from the very beginning, I've brought matters to them, and in a couple of instances, I took my lumps...

Such As the Department Head Raises'?"

Bowen: "Yes, that's a good example. The water and sewer rates is another. As you know, it's not my job to be doing the most popular thing, or for that matter the most obvious thing. I think I have a responsibility to call the shots as I see them, to bring these matters to the attention of the council, to do so strongly, factually, clearly, so that whatever decision the council makes, it is the best informed decision to be made."

Now in more specific terms, there were two specific projects that I started, and unfortunately, they got pushed off to one side, though progress has been made on both of them. One was the development of a central purchasing system. That's along the way to being done, so that the July 1, 1981 target that I had originally set is going to be met.

Second, was the development of a personnel merit system. It seemed to me the town could, indeed should, develop a system of its own. If you want to give town employees who have no civil service and no bargaining rights the kind of protection and insurances I think they're entitled to, then why not develop our own personnel merit system."

Question: How do you feel about the working relationship you have with the council, is it a good one? How do you think it can be improved?

Bowen: "Well, I think it has improved as time has gone on. I think the nine-month hiatus between managers was not necessarily helpful. I made a commitment when I came, and I made it very clear to the council and I've honored it consistently, and that is to deal with the council as a whole. I don't deal with groups of councilors and I don't deal with individual councilors."

On matters of importance, on matters of policy, I deal with the council as a whole. All fifteen members. All fifteen members get the same information in the same timely fashion. In so far as this office is concerned, no one councilor is privy to more information than another."

Question: How do you feel about some of the councilors who selected you for the position of Town Manager now openly stating they want a



Town Manager Richard J. Bowen has been in Agawam for six months and answers one of Reporter Steve Gazillo's questions during Tuesday interview. Photo by Jack Devine.

mayor form of government and, in some cases, admitting they would be a candidate for mayor? **Bowen:** "I do have a concern, and it has nothing to do with anyone specifically. I've always believed, and do believe now, that when you associate yourself with something, and particularly when it involves an elected office, that you're not only committing yourself in terms of time, in terms of energy, but it seems to me you commit yourself philosophically in support of that which exists."

A basic tenet of a manager's ethical background is he has to believe in what he is doing. He has to believe in the council/manager plan. I find it hard to understand how anyone can participate in something such as the council/manager plan of government, and not be fully supportive of it and working very hard to make it succeed more than it already has.

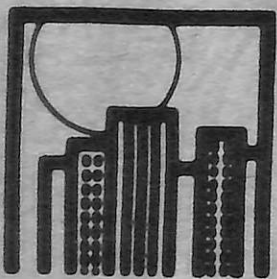
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I believe it has succeeded in Agawam. The one thing that should never be lost sight is, it's the COUNCIL/manager plan. Some people refer to it as the manager plan, that's not correct. This is a chief policy making body and a chief administrative officer working together. For the system to work, both parts of it have to work. So for those who might be critics of the system in Agawam, which part of it are they criticizing, never mind whether or not their criticisms are valid."

Question: "How is Agawam different from some of the other communities you've worked in?"

Bowen: "It's not necessarily different. I think that there's tendency for some people want to express pride in their community by saying 'we're different from everybody else.' That hyperbole pushed off to one side, I can't see that Agawam suffers or enjoys any more problems, any more virtues, or accomplishments than elsewhere."

Growth problems are here, but lots of communities are experiencing that. The matter of an evolving relationship between the administrator and the policy making body, what's new? I don't see anything new or different, but I would not in any way want to suggest that there's anything wrong with this, that there's anything wrong with being like something else."

The uniqueness of Agawam? It's a community that has a lot of open space, it needs something done about it. It has problems associated with growth and that needs things done about them. It's got a big job of image-building, a big job of working toward feeling very good about itself and consequently having other people feel good about it. The great beauty in Agawam is that I don't see any problem here that isn't solveable, either intellectually or financially."

Question: How is it working with a fifteen member council versus a smaller council? When you first came here that was something you mentioned as being new to you.

Bowen: "I know the reasons why the fifteen member council came to be in Agawam. It was a concession to the fact that the town was making a very dramatic change from the old representative town meeting system. The problems of a fifteen member council are the problems that the council has with itself."

But one thing needs to be said. Don't get yourself hung up on numbers. A five member council can be terrifying, so can seven, so can nine, etc. On the other hand, you can't ignore the fact that almost without exception where the council/manager government exists, it is a situation where the councils are not large, unless it's an extremely large city. There has to be a reason for that. But again, don't fall into the numbers trap; fifteen can work."

Question: How do you respond to the criticism that the bidding procedures involving the purchase of six vehicles for the town did not favor local companies?

Bowen: "It's not true. There was one supplier locally that was not happy. I spent hours, quite a bit of time with the man, on the telephone, in my office. The fun-



Town Manager Richard Bowen

damental principle involved here is: one low bidder wins if the specifications are met. Quite frankly, I don't care if the low bidder comes from Anchorage, Alaska or Osaka, Japan, if you want to do business with the town of Agawam, sharpen your pencil. If you don't want to do business with Agawam, keep the pencil dull and ignore the specifications."

Question: How serious is the problem of future funding for capital improvement projects in Agawam?

Bowen: "I think for any major improvements that the town is to undertake, if it insists upon the traditional methods of funding these projects, then it is going to do very few of them and perhaps none of them. The fact is that the town has to consider every possible way of realizing the resources to do capital projects. 'Pay as you go' is almost impossible. Many of the projects are six, seven, maybe even eight figures. There's no way you can develop income on a current basis to handle that. You've got to borrow, and if you borrow, you've got to have the capacity to pay back. Not just the legal capacity, but it's how you strike a balance between short term and long term needs. That's the trick we've got to deal with."

When you come to water and sewer projects, there are some non-traditional methods open to us. Quite simply, if we can't consider doing

things differently, then I don't think we'll do them at all. This isn't my own opinion, it has nothing to do with me personally, it has something to do with a professional judgement, and I like to believe that I have some strengths in the area of finance."

Question: In general, how do you see the future of Agawam?

Bowen: "Difficult, but again, 'do-able'. On the other hand, not 'doable' if we are bound by tradition. By past practice, whether it's what you've actually done or the politics of the situation. You have to be prepared to ask some hard questions and be prepared to accept some hard, unthinkable answers."



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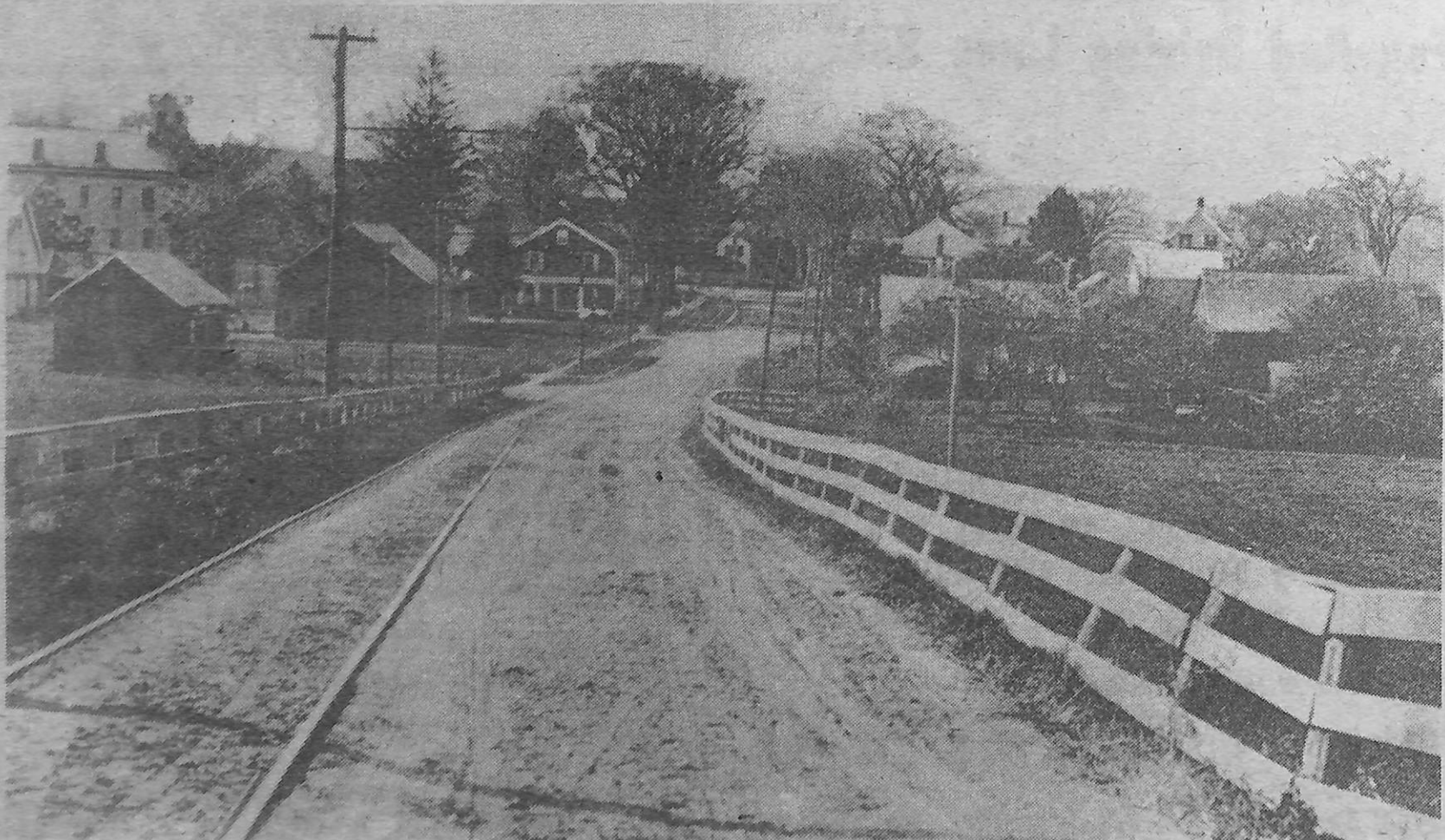
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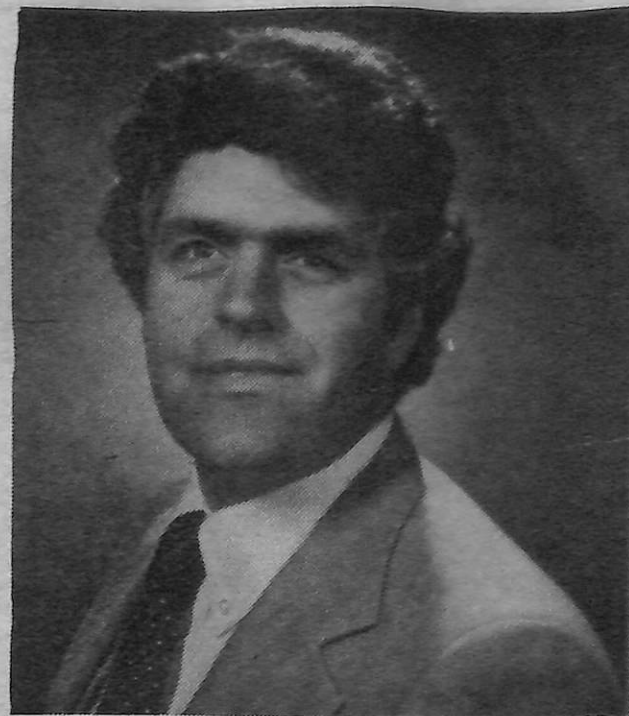


A look up what is now Southwick Street in Feeding Hills Center back at the turn-of-the-century. An old trolley car can be seen in middle right of the picture.

**Don't Miss Our Special Senior Citizen' Spotlight
In The Feeding Hills Section**



Situated in Feeding Hills Center, Community Savings Bank provides local residents with the center's only revolving clock but also with many fine banking services. Feeding Hills resident Tony Grimaldi serves as branch manager of the bank, now celebrating its ten-year anniversary at its present location. Photo by Jack Devine.



Anthony Grimaldi.

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The Feeding Hills Branch now has 3,500 customer accounts and has grown an average of 25 percent a year over the past three years, according to Grimaldi. "We're a part of the second largest savings bank in Western Massachusetts," Grimaldi said.

Grimaldi has 14 years of banking experience and has been with Community Bank just over a year. "The bank was looking for a local person for their branch in Feeding Hills because they wanted someone who knows people in the town and who has reason to be concerned with what's going on in the community," he said.

Among his positions in town, Grimaldi serves on the board of directors for the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. Grimaldi is also a family man, with a wife, Elaine, and an eight-year old daughter, Andrea.

"The image we want to project to our customers is 'Community Bank' wants your business and we will go out of our way to treat our customers well in order to keep them," he added.

"Banks today are extremely competitive because they offer essentially the same interest rates and loan programs, so you have to distinguish yourself by the personalized service you provide your clients," he said.

The head teller who assists Grimaldi in that task is Ms. Cacilad Rosa. Working with her are Judi Begeley, Darlyn Nardi and Barbara Corgan.

The bank is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community Bank Celebrates 10th Anniversary In F.H. Center

The Feeding Hills branch of Community Savings Bank is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, and Branch Manager Anthony Grimaldi would like the community to share in the spotlight.

Grimaldi, who has lived in Agawam all of his life, said that he and the four tellers who work with him are proud to be serving the people of Feeding Hills.

"When people come in to our bank, they tell us it's like visiting a relative, or coming into a living room," he said. Grimaldi said he emphasizes the personal relationship with his customers because it's important for them to know that we are concerned about the community.

Community Savings Bank, a colonial-style building located on Route 57 just before Granger Elementary School, came to Feeding Hills Center in 1971 as the Springfield Five-Cent Savings Bank. A merger later changed the name. At the time, the bank offered primarily regular savings accounts, 90 day notice accounts, and mortgage loans.

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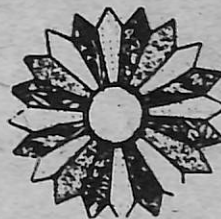
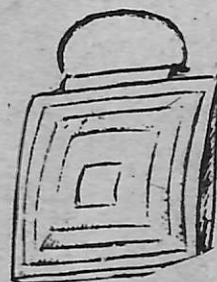
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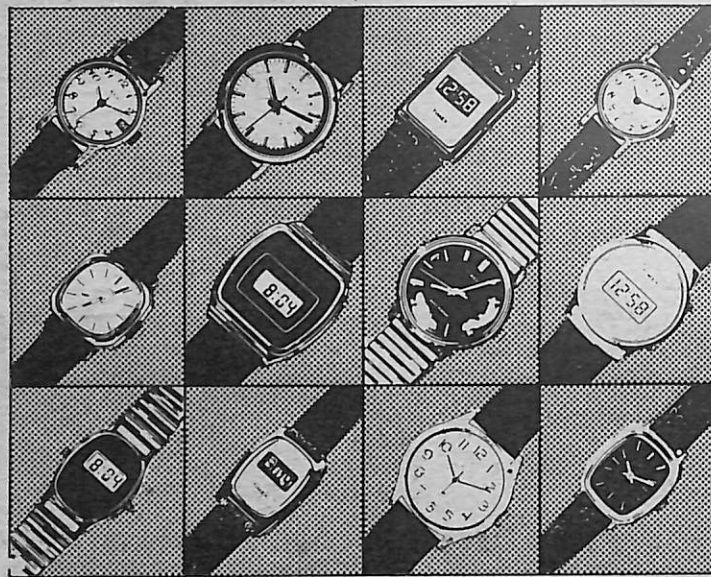
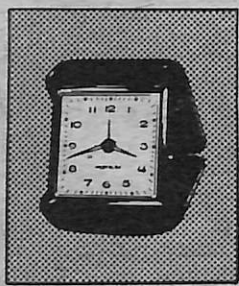
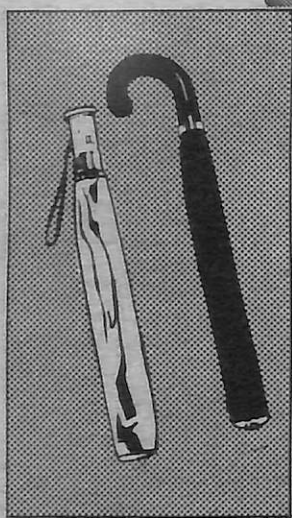
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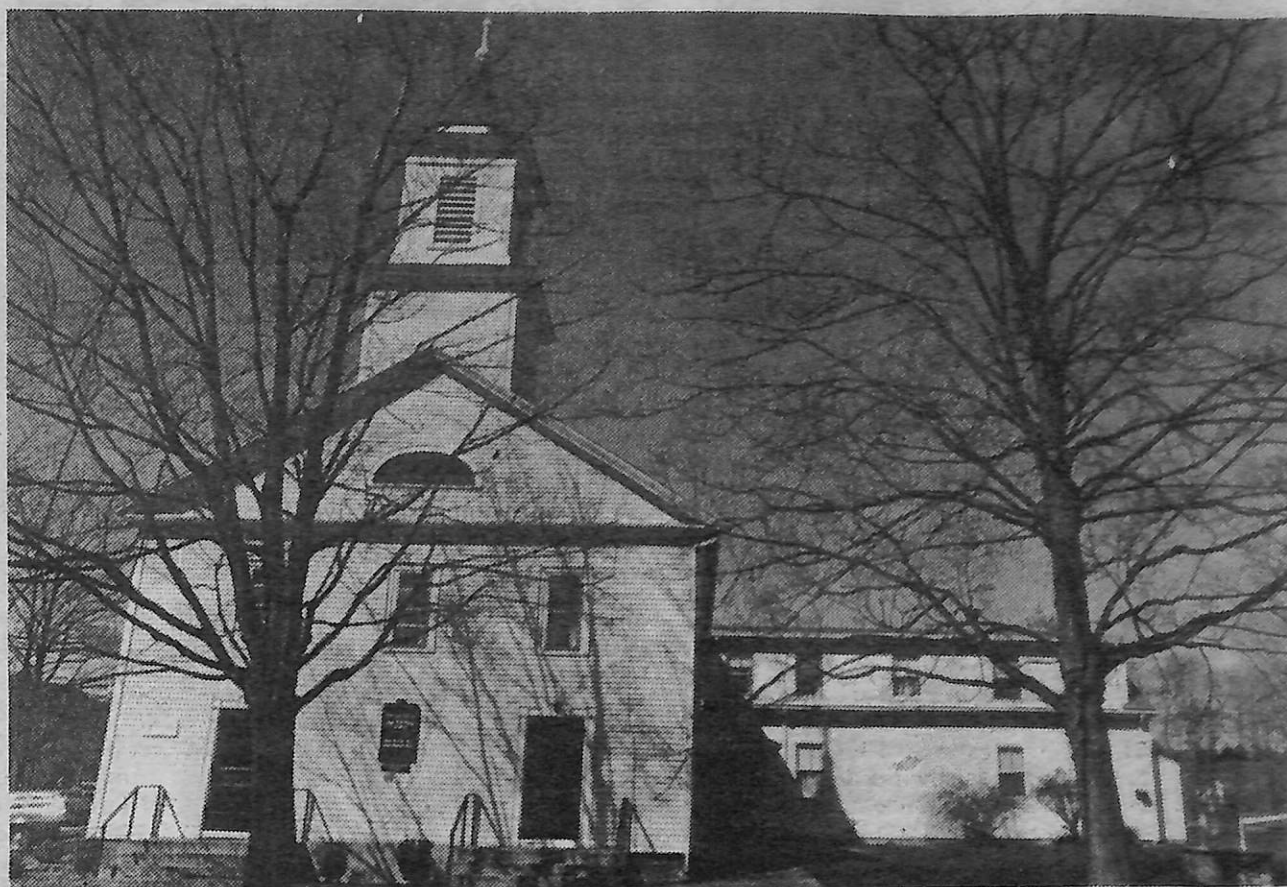
Religion Traditional In The Center

Support Your Place of Worship

The Advertiser/News firmly believes that the backbone of any community lies in the strength and convictions of its religious institutions. Here, in the Feeding Hills Center area, we are blessed with four strong places of worship; Feeding Hills Congregational Church, Feeding Hills Bible Church, Sacred Heart and Valley Community Church.

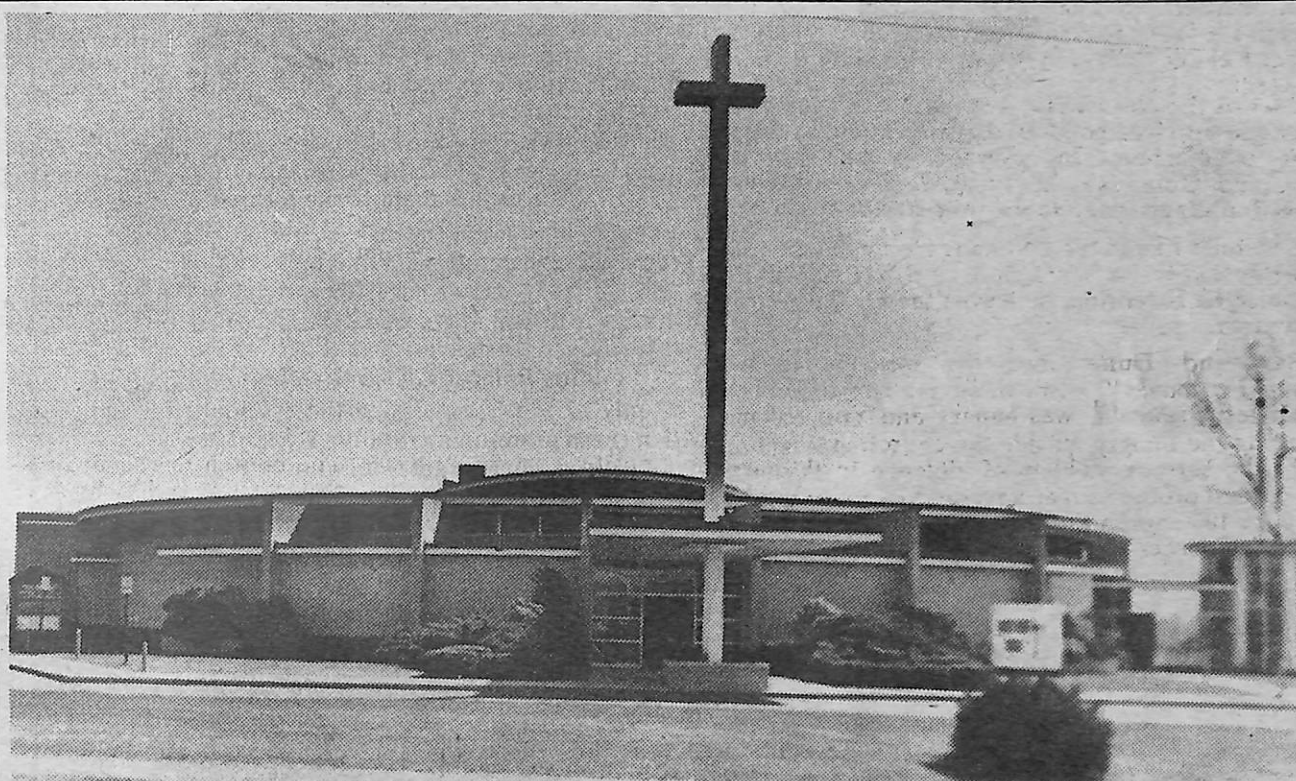
On the next page Staff Writer Stephen Gazillo gives our readers a brief insight into the various beliefs and activities these houses of worship provide residents.

We urge our readers to support their place of worship!



Feeding Hills Congregational Church, located on North Westfield Street, adjacent to the four-corners intersection called the "Crossroads," is headed by Reverend William Sadleir. The Congregational Church is the oldest parish in Feeding Hills Center.

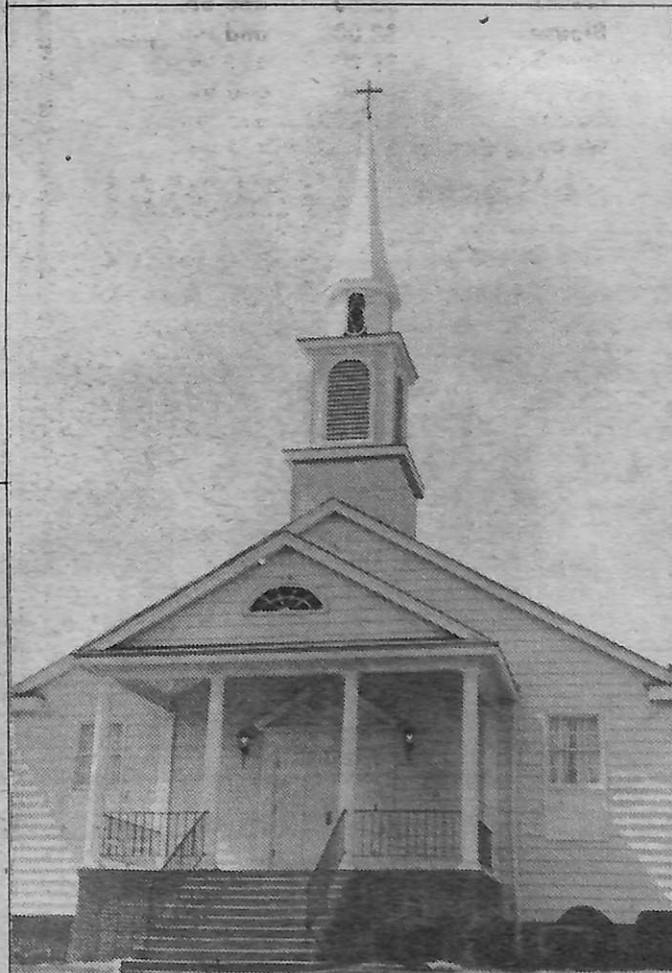
Support Your Local Church!



Sacred Heart Church, on Springfield Street, serves many Roman Catholics in the Feeding Hills Center area and represents the largest parish in Feeding Hills.



The Feeding Hills Bible Church on South Westfield Street, offers its own certified Christian Academy and is growing all the time according to Church officials. The Bible Church has a small tightly-knit organization, say Church officials.



"The Church On The Hill", Valley Community Church, overseeing the entire Feeding Hills area off South Westfield Street, is headed by the well known Frank Dunn who is retiring this year. Reverend Dunn has been active in civic and political affairs in the community for years.

*Photos By
Jack Devine*

Churches Serving Center Rich In Religious, Cultural Tradition

If the spirit of a town is reflected in its churches and the religious services they offer, then it can be said that Feeding Hills Center is a vibrant, family oriented community that embraces with fervor the Christian way of life.

The four churches located there, the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, Valley Community Church, Sacred Heart, and Feeding Hills Bible Church, have a combined membership of over 4,000 residents. Though their philosophies may differ, their dedication to religion is strong.

The oldest church found here in Feeding Hills Center is the **Feeding Hills Congregational Church**. Begun in 1757, the church today has a membership that exceeds 200. The pastor is Reverend William Benjamin Sadleir, now in his seventh year with the congregation and a man who is dedicated to "preserving the quality of family life."

Reverend Sadleir holds a Master of Divinity degree from Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine and was first ordained in June 1957. Since coming to Feeding Hills in 1974, he has worked diligently to help the elderly and the young people of his congregation keep the lines of communication open.

"I do not believe there is a generation gap in my parish, which is proof that there shouldn't be one in the world. We don't pressure anyone to come, but a typical service involves babies and people 90 years old sitting together," he said.

The Feeding Hills Congregational Church, located on North Westfield Street, has several programs that are a service to the community. Once a month, they hold a one dollar luncheon for the senior citizens of Feeding Hills. Reverend Sadleir also runs an exchange student program known as "Operation Friendship" which involves a number of European countries.

The church has two bowling teams in the Council of Churches league, and they run a day nursery. In September, the church runs a kitchen at the Eastern States Exposition. On a typical day at the fair,

Reverend Sadleir estimates they serve 1,800 meals.

But is Reverend Sadleir's philosophy that distinguishes his parish from others. "The church to me is the cement that makes society an active, vital part of life. It's not here to get itself involved with body politics, but it is here to foster the concept of service and love, which the church attempts to do by emphasizing the family," he stated.

Across the way and up on the hill overlooking South Westfield Street and the center of Feeding Hills sits the majestic **Valley Community Church**. Built in 1968, it has over 250 members today and has the good fortune of having the Reverend Frank Dunn as its pastor.

The Reverend Dunn celebrates this month his eightieth birthday and 50th anniversary as minister.

He recalls when he first started his parish. "We started this church with nothing," Reverend Dunn said, "but with a lot of hard work and cooperation, we've come a long way."

Reverend Dunn is an active civic leader who is probably as well known in Washington as he is in his own community. He says he wouldn't trade his world here for any other area. "As far as I'm concerned, this is about the nicest town in the world, and I've been around," he said.

Originally from Toledo, Ohio, Reverend Dunn was educated at Boston University and received his Divinity degree from Harvard University in 1934.

He is retiring at the end of the month, but plans to continue his civic activities.

He was at one time pastor of Feeding Hills Congregational Church before starting Valley Community Church in 1962.

The design of the church is an attempt by architect John Parker to recreate the "feeling of New England." That "feeling" leads more than 60 couples a year to have their wedding performed "On Top Of The Hill."

Next to the church is a new day care center with over one hundred children registered and a full time staff of teachers. In addition to this building, Reverend Dunn says he would like to see several other buildings added to the property of the church.

He would like to see a Nursing Home, a rest home, a youth center, a wind mill, and a radio station. Because he is retiring, he leaves the challenge to his successor.

Reverend Dunn sees his church as non-denominational. "I don't think we can improve on what Jesus said: 'I was hungry and You fed me.'" Feeding the hungry outside the church and trying to fight the serious problem of violence in this world have been problems that Reverend Dunn has tackled through his church for years.

At the corner of Springfield and South Westfield

Streets is the **Feeding Hills Bible Church**. The main auditorium of the church was built in 1906, but sections of it go back to the early nineteenth century.

The Bible Church was actually begun in 1972 under Reverend Richard Hoff. The Reverend Hoff recently moved, and interim pastor, Reverend Michael Walker will be taking over. Reverend Walker is a graduate of Cornell University and holds a Master's of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Membership in the Bible Church is small. But, says Deacon Richard Frutuoso, it is a solid membership that is growing and that does not reflect the much higher church attendance on Sundays.

An integral part of the Bible Church program is the Feeding Hills Christian Academy, a full time school from grades K-twelve with a current enrollment of 27 students. Begun two years ago, the school incorporates the Accelerated Christian Education method, a self-teaching approach to education. There are 4,300 schools of this type in the country and throughout the world.

The Feeding Hills Bible Church bases its philosophy on the judgment that the Holy Bible is the final authority for faith and practice of Christianity, according to Frutuoso.

The main requirement from its membership is whether or not a person is a "born-again Christian," Frutuoso added. He stated that the term is often misunderstood. "To be a born-again Christian simply means that you have a personal faith in Christ, and that trusting Him along is the only way to salvation."

Driving away from Feeding Hills Center toward Agawam along Route 57 you pass the **Roman Catholic Church of Sacred Heart**, the largest parish in Feeding Hills with a membership well over 3,000. The church was built in 1957 and is now headed by Father Joseph Flood. The priests working with him are Father Paul Burns and Father Richard Ahern.

Sacred Heart has been a beacon for many years in its activities, for both youths and adults. It is not surprising to find Sacred Heart's three priests hard at work attempting to run the large parish.

The church is perhaps most noted for its rich history in their youth athletics and activities. A new parish center was completed in the mid-seventies and is used as the parish's gathering and meeting place for all activities.

The church has several baseball diamonds and the only lit youth diamond in the community. The parish has had a food concession at the Eastern States Exposition for many years. The church has scout programs, bingo, an active parish council and Rosary Alter Society, a Nocturnal Adoration group and hold numerous community suppers.

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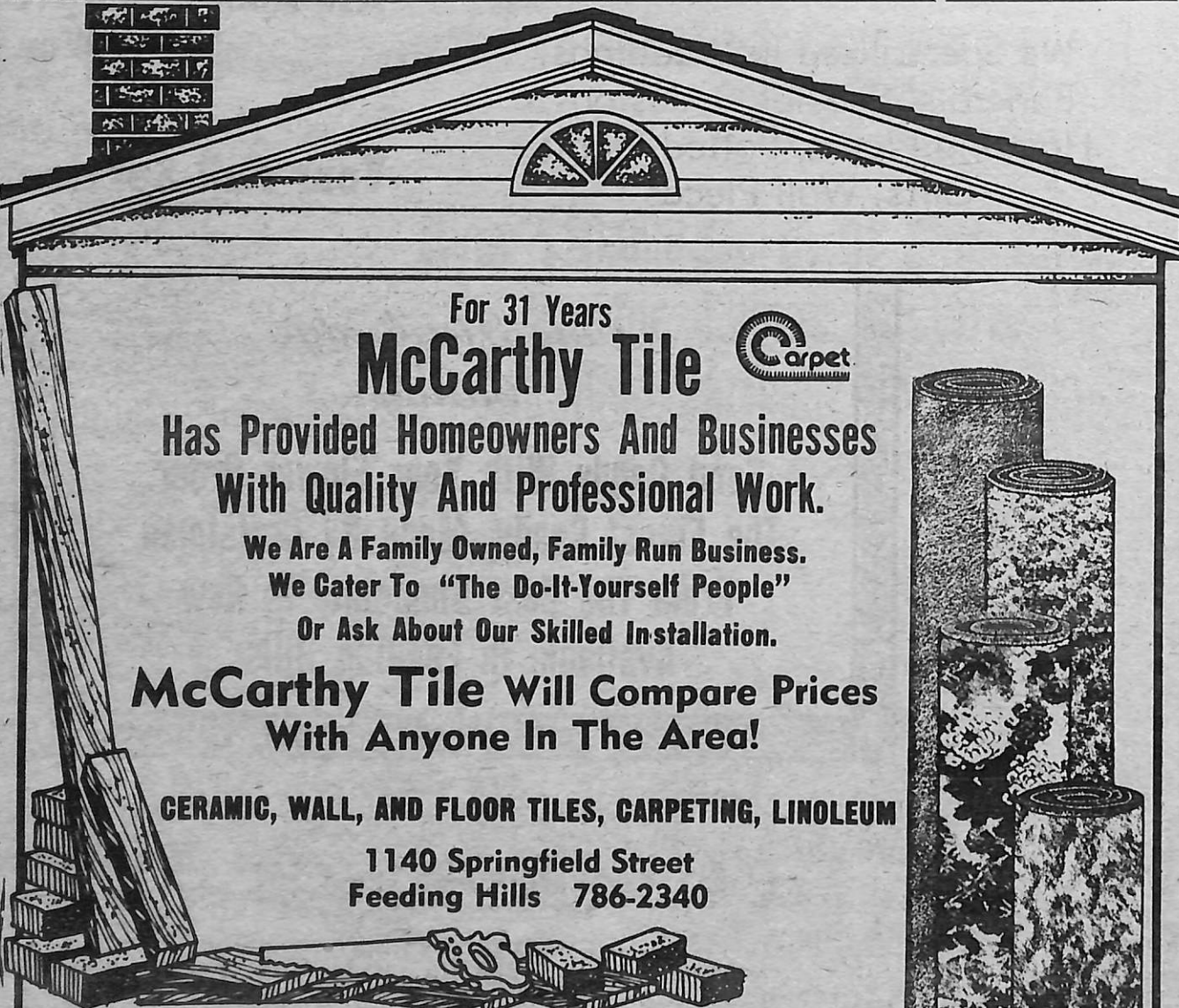
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Easter Bunny Success At F.H. Florist

Jolly Green Thumb
BY MARY FUREY CRYMES



The Easter Bunny was such a success Easter weekend at Feeding Hills Florist, Don and Phyliss Hout promised to bring him back for another fling next year. Photo by Jack Devine.

In your pre-planting planning, let your thoughts drift upward. This year, take to the air to realize bigger yield with less work for your garden.

Think of it, lazy gardeners (and who is not?) — no back breaking bending to pick beans, tomatoes, cukes, squash, even cantaloupes. They're up in the air, right before your eyes, doing their thing. And, as for space saving — in vertical gardening, the only ground needed is enough to plant and water roots.

Train tomatoes upward and you save about 70 per cent of the normal space needed. Enthusiastic upward and onward gardeners say they not only get more tomatoes, they cut down on slugs, ground rot and the occasional turtle with the voracious appetite. Plus, plants get more sun, air, dry off after rains faster and provide a cleaner harvest. Are you sold yet?

So, think supports. Tomatoes, traditionally a supported plant, are grown two ways — as vines, or as bushes. Bush types, called unpruned, are usually wide and dense as suckers (side branches), and are left to grow outward. Vining types form fruit along a central stem and suckers are pinched off. You'll recognize that spacing is different for each. Bush plants can go into the ground a foot apart; vines need three to five feet for spreading. Plan spacing for tomatoes grown vertically, in cages, pyramids or on strings stretched upward. Other plants can be containerized or grown on the same kind of supports and trained upward.

A trip to the nursery will show you many new kinds of supports for plants, new forms of trellises, cages, stakes, frames, fencing that will help save space and keep your garden looking up.

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STEREO STUFF — For the stereo speaker that develops a rattle, there's a touch of home repair that works fairly well. Remove the cover of the speaker and you'll most likely find a heavy paper cone with a crack in it. Paint on colorless nail polish (both sides of the paper) and let it dry. Replace cone and cover.

DRY DETAILS — Energy saving tip still in vogue — shut down the dishwasher when the rinse cycle is complete, open the door a crack and let dishes air dry. Saves lots of precious stuff. And be sure to remove bone fragments, nuts and olive pits from plates before loading. This and other hard material can clog drains and damage parts.

MEMO THOUGHTFULNESS — If you're sub-leasing your apartment, or moving to another, do a nice thing for incoming tenants. Gather together all available information on appliances that remain — the aforementioned dishwasher, the stove, refrigerator, etc. — and put them in a marked envelope in a prominent spot. Do it even if no one did it for you — your kindness will be appreciated.

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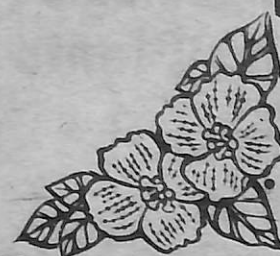
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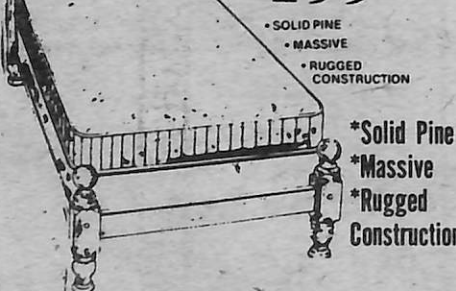
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Feeding Hills Never Became "A Town Of Its Own"

By Stephen Gazillo

The history of Feeding Hills is essentially the story of a community of 'God-fearing' New Englanders who made their living off the land as farmers. It is the story of a settlement which sprang up at the crossroads of two major transportation routes, of a parish with its own identity, and of a village that would never become a town of its own.

Recorded By Edith LaFrancis

Much of what is known of Feeding Hills has been recorded by local Historian Edith LaFrancis, whose recent publication, *Agawam, A Town History*, is fraught with fascinating facts and stories from the men and women who wove Feeding Hills into a rich heritage.

From her book, we can piece together the following:

The Agawam Indians probably had a small settlement on what is now Barry Street as many as a thousand years before the white man arrived. Arrowheads and other stone implements have been found there, and now form part of the Charles Hull collection. A major Indian trail passed through the area connecting Quinnipiac (now New Haven, Conn.) to Canada.

English settlers first started building there toward the end of the seventeenth century, just before the Massachusetts Bay Company lost its charter in 1684. The name Feeding Hills is derived from the farmers who referred to the area as "the feeding hills" where their livestock could graze in the summer.

The center of Feeding Hills started as the crossroads of two major roads, one running from Great Barrington to Boston along what is now Route 57, and the other running from West Suffield to Northampton on what is now North/South Westfield Streets. After 1750, when these roads were well established, Feeding Hills Center developed rapidly and paralleled growth that took place on Main Street in Agawam.

By the time of the American Revolution, five taverns had sprung up to take care of the many travelers passing through. Among these were the Palmer's Inn, which is now the site of the Crossroad Shoppes at the corner of North Westfield and Southwick Streets.

During the Revolution, the empty lot which still run from Granger School to the intersection of Springfield Street was called the "place of parade", and was used to train Agawam militia men. A stone marker at the intersection now stands in honor of Anne Sullivan, Helen Keller's famous teacher who was a Feeding Hills resident.

Divided Into Two Parishes

In 1800, Agawam was divided into two parishes, both of which were a part of West Springfield until the town was incorporated in 1855. Feeding Hills was called the Fourth Parish with the Feeding Hills Congregational Church its only place of worship.

The first school was a wooden structure built in 1760, and later was replaced by a brick building on South Westfield Street. Unfortunately, this was torn down in 1913.

The Feeding Hills Center school, a two-story wooden building, was used until 1874. It was then moved to the Kellogg family property, where it is today.

Three important diaries that now are important artifacts were written by Feeding Hills residents. The diaries of Samuel Johnson, Samuel Flower and Jennie Wright, which cover the greater part of the nineteenth century, provide us with much insight in the activities and lifestyle of the people of Feeding Hills and the events that affected their lives.

One of the first Post Offices in Massachusetts was established in Feeding Hills in 1808 with its first postmaster Samuel Flower. Flower was also a teacher.

In keeping with its tradition as an important juncture of transportation, Feeding Hills became a railroad center at the beginning of the twentieth century. Begun in 1901, the Feeding Hills station was a stop along the tracks which ran from New York State into Springfield on to Boston Central New England Rail Co.

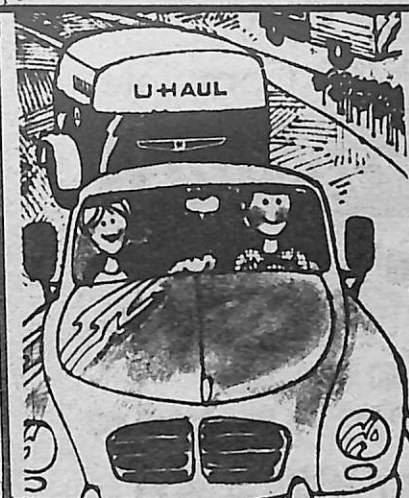
The train ran under Springfield Street between what is now the Junior High School and Granger School. Passenger service stopped in 1921, but freight service continued until 1938. The tracks have been completely removed.

Two well known personages grew up in Feeding Hills. Anne Sullivan was born in an old house on South Westfield Street. General Creighton W. Abrams, who became Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, lived with his family on North Westfield Street and graduated from Agawam High School.

Never A Town Of Its Own

Feeding Hills never became a town of its own, as it always shared with Agawam many services and government facilities, such as the Town Meeting House and later Town Hall.

But it has always distinguished itself from the rest of the town by the fact that large amounts of farm and pasture land were found there, and it never had the suburban look that the rest of Agawam gradually took on. This "farming" character still survives today, though a plethora of changes have taken place. A stroll through the center of Feeding Hills today reminds one of the heritage that has given New England a flavor all its own.



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A Look Down Springfield Street



Today, Feeding Hills Center looks like a different universe compared to the pictures on the cover of our special pullout section. Feeding Hills Center area has to be considered one of the fastest growing residential areas in the Commonwealth. Photo by Jack Devine.

This'n That

Food for thought: A survival company that sells mail order products for people to use in a catastrophe or economic collapse is offering dehydrated food for dogs as well. Gene Tarman, president of Country Roads, Inc., and producer of "Sir Vival" pet foods, believes it doesn't have to be a dog-eat-dog world. Tarman claims his cats enjoy the food. "And all the dogs I've tried it on love it," he said. Doggone!

Greasy kid stuff: Kid, in a Philadelphia neighborhood decided a good way to pick up a few extra coins was to shine shoes. So, for 25 cents a pair, they took on a couple of neighbors' boots. The boots were returned in 10 minutes, looking as though they have been dipped in honey. "Well," explained nine-year-old Sarah, "the TV commercial says you can shine shoes with Vaseline." Slick idea.

Clipping information: Joseph P. Riley, Jr., mayor of Charleston, S.C., in an effort to get employees used to conserving, has issued a ban on the purchase of paper clips. He informed department heads that the staff should hang onto paper clips in their desks and ones that arrive in the mail. City Purchasing Director Roger Spateholts said the city has ordered paper clips three times since May, 1978, at a total cost of \$126. Gotta start somewhere.

The other end of the stick: None of the six eligible voters showed up for the recent primary election held in Coal Valley Township, Ill., costing Rock Island County \$500. The election was to select candidates in the Fourth Ward alderman race and for the mayor of Moline, which annexed Coal Valley in January. Five election judges appeared and collected their \$50 fees. That, added to the price of having special ballots printed for the election. Maybe they didn't like any of the above.

Snippets

The most frequently used keys on a typewriter are on the left and it is termed the "only left-handed machine in general use."

The aspen, or quaking asp, has a greater growing range than any other North American tree and can be grown from coast to coast.

Mt. Waialeale on Kauai, Hawaii, is the rainiest place in the world, with an average annual rainfall of 471.68 inches.

Lake Titicaca lies at an altitude of 12,506 feet above sea level on the Peruvian-Bolivian border in South America.

World's largest student dormitory is Bancroft Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Joan of Arc's heart was found intact amid the ashes by the executioner who burned her at the stake.

"Tabby" refers not to a female cat but to its markings.

Richard M. Nixon is the only United States president born west of the Rocky Mountains. He was born in California.

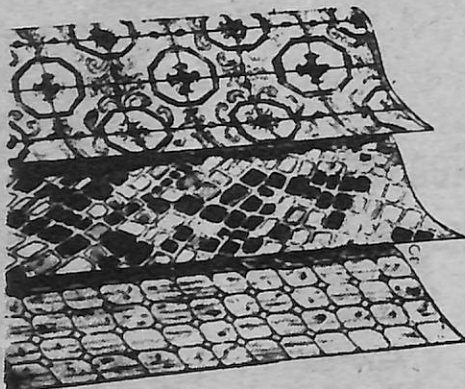
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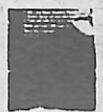
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A psychologist chum says all of us should pay more heed to our "authority figure." He gets paid \$50 an hour for talking that way, when what he means is "boss."

People who nibble all day usually have what are best described as between-snack meals.

Those who complain that disco music is so loud they can't think have pinned down unerringly the purpose for the clamor.

Crunchy peanut butter was the invention of a food processor too cheap to fix his busted grinder.

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"The Man" with the vision in Feeding Hills Center, developer Ralph DePalma. Photo by Jack Devine.

DePalma Says More To Come In Feeding Hills

By Stephen Gazillo

When Ralph DePalma first bought the old house on the corner of Route 57 and North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, he knew there was a demand for more shops and commercial services in the community. Two years later, the demand appears to have exceeded even Ralph's own rich imagination, and his Crossroad Shoppes have become an amenity to the community.

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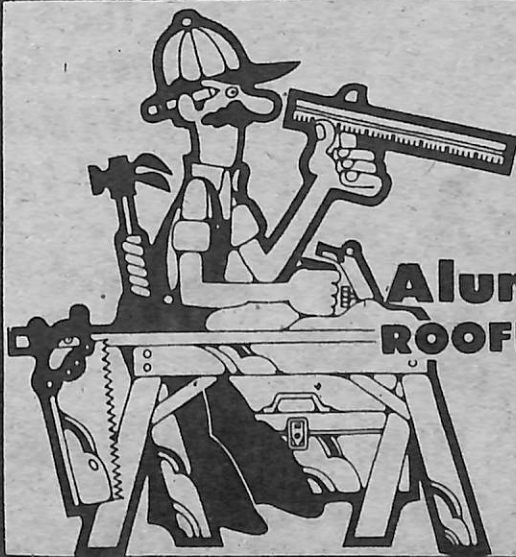
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Created A Concept

DePalma has created a concept for Feeding Hills that is catching on like fire. In 1979, he began renovations on a vacant house located at the site of what once was the Palmer Inn in the mid-nineteenth century. DePalma sandblasted the exterior of the building, remodeled the interior, and struck a gold mine when he found his retailer David Paradysz.

Paradysz purchased the Crossroad Furniture Shop, and before you could blink, people were coming from all over to peek around a fascinating and richly varied selection of furniture and gifts. Feeding Hills Center has taken on a new look, and DePalma could see no reason to stop there.

"The location is clearly favorable," he said, and since there are really no other services in the community, I decided to expand on my idea."

DePalma made a daring move when he built a two-story retail/office building on the same lot as Crossroads.

Before it was even finished, he had four tenants ready to move in. The concept had taken shape, and he now had recreated a mini-New England village offering a variety of products and services to residents of the community.

Among the handsome boutiques located in what DePalma now calls the Crossroad Shoppes, are the Feeding Hills Florist, run by Don and Phyllis Hout, residents of Feeding Hills for 28 years. Their arrangements rival any of the fine flower shops in Western Mass.

Work Of A Dozen Women

Next to the floral shop is a boutique called The Piecemaker's Quilt Shop. An idea of Suzanne Ashe, the shop presents the quilt work of a dozen women known as "the piecemakers" and has been part of the spark that has made DePalma's project so successful. It has a fabulous collection of fabrics and necessary supplies for quilt work.

Next door to the quilt shop is Hoskin Tile and Rug Company run by William R. Hoskin, who has been in the tile and carpet business over twenty years and whose business has not stopped expanding since he came to the Crossroads Shoppes.

Upstairs you'll find Nationwide Insurance Company representative Richard C. Aldrich. Aldrich handles any type of insurance needs and is a Chartered Life Underwriter.

In the same building as the Crossroads Furniture Shop is Feeding Hills Hardware, which offers a variety of home and garden tools.

Owned by Alfred Serra for the past eight years, the store carries a full line of electrical and plumbing equipment and is the only repair shop in both Agawam and Feeding Hills for glass and screen repairs.

Shops Are Expanding

"Since we've begun this project," DePalma said, "every shop that has located here has not stopped expanding. We're now thinking of adding another building or two to the village which would perhaps include medical and professional services."

The easy access and distinctive country setting will make the Crossroad Shoppes a viable part of the community for years to come and with the prices of gasoline on the rise, more and more residents are looking to shop on their home turf, making the Crossroad Shoppes a sure-fire success.

Mr. Fix

A screw is a better fastener than a nail because it holds tighter and you can take the work apart without damaging it simply by unscrewing the screw. The most common mistakes people make in driving screws are the use of the wrong-sized screwdriver and failure to drill a pilot hole for the screw. Pilot holes are especially important for screws with large shanks because they not only make the screw easier to drive but they also prevent splitting of the wood.

You will need a screw of proper size and a screwdriver to match. It will take about 2 minutes.

1. Bring the two pieces of wood to be joined by screws into perfect alignment.

2. Locate point at which you want to drive screw. This should be far enough from edge of work (usually at least 1/4 inch) to prevent splitting of wood.

3. Tap nailset or large nail at this point to mark start of hole.

4. If using thin-shanked screw in soft wood, no pilot hole is necessary. Place screw in starter mark and hold it upright. Be sure screw is straight. Use screwdriver to turn screw clockwise into the wood. Turn until screwhead is flush with wood surface.

5. For larger-shanked screws and harder wood, use drill bit one-half the diameter of the screw shaft to drill a pilot hole. Then drive screw into pilot hole. Screw will turn easier if you lubricate it first by rubbing shank on bar of soap.

6. For neatest job, use a counterbore or countersink drill bit. The countersink is a drill bit which drills a pilot hole with a tapered top to receive the screw head. The counterbore drills a deeper hole for the head, so in the finished work, the screwhead is below the surface of the wood. You finish job by filling hole over the screwhead and wood putty or a wood plug.

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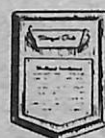
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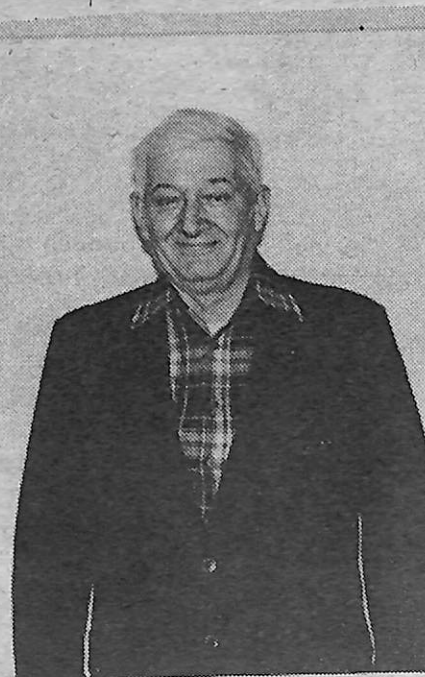
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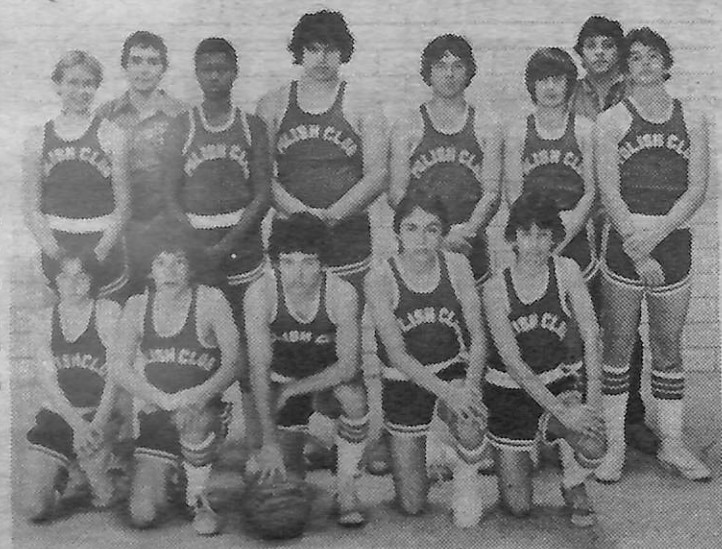
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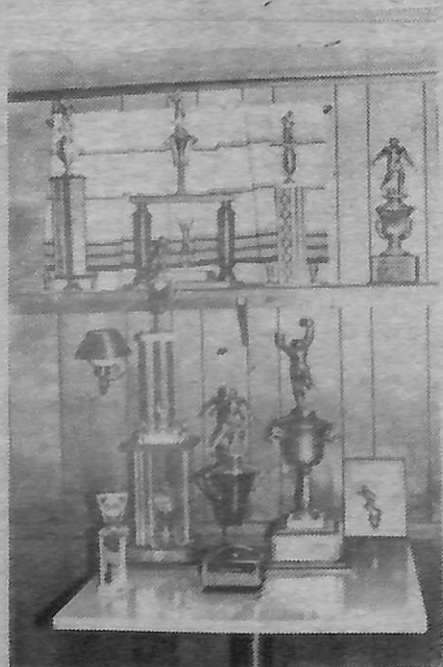
The Polish Club's Master Builder, Mike Demko who constructed the present club.



Our perennial Agawam Athletic Association basketball champs, coached by Phil Vecchiarelli. The team has run off four consecutive titles.



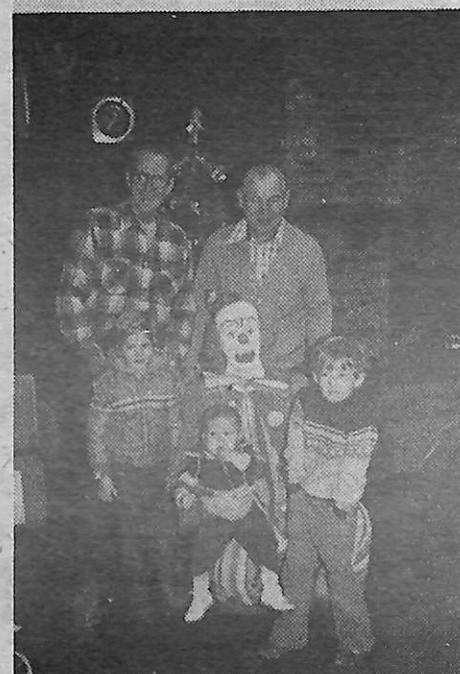
Polish Santa Paul Galaska is always a crowd-pleaser during the Yule Tide season.



Our trophy case is filling up each year as our youth teams keep piling up the league crowns.



Eleanor Stepanik, left, chairman of our Christmas Party and Wanda Adamski assistant chairman, did a yeoman's job in ensuring that the annual party was another sterling success.



A clown never ceases to please a young face and pictured here, this friendly clown keeps our club children happy at our Christmas Party.



A look at Tony's Sunoco situated dead center in Feeding Hills Center.

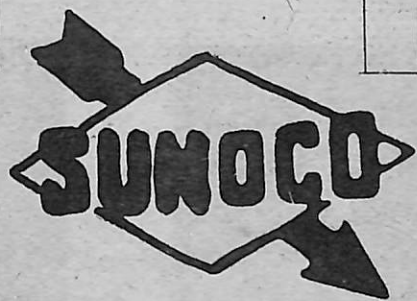
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Krzykowski has been a resident of Feeding Hills all his life. At 44, he has over 25 years experience as an auto mechanic.

"I began shortly after I got out of Agawam High," he said. That was in 1955. It wasn't until June 1, 1966 that he opened his first gas station on the same site he works on today. In the meantime, he's seen some changes.

"I've seen the center of town here really expand. I've seen the shopping centers here being built. I've seen a lot of new homes added, but it's still basically the same it always has been around here," Krzykowski said.

Many of his customers have been with him since he opened. The simple, tried and true formula of offering good service at a reasonable price has been the key to his success, he maintains.

For the distressed motorists, Tony offers emergency road service. In addition, he'll do any general repairs, including changing exhaust systems and mufflers, brakes, tires, as well as doing full tune-ups.

"With today's high prices for new cars, it's important for people to practice preventive maintenance on their cars," he advises. "It's the only way to make a car last longer and beat inflation."

Tony doesn't like to talk about the skyrocketing prices of gasoline. "It sure hurts us, but we keep going along with our services," he says reluctantly.

Tony's Sunoco was operating under another name before February 28 of this year. In spite of the name change, it's still run by the same man with the same quality service that has made his fifteen years on his own a long standing success.

The station is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Fix

You burn more lights and watch more television in the winter. In summer, air conditioners are running and the refrigerator works harder. There isn't a time of the year that electricity isn't being used heavily in the home.

Overloading of electric lines is a problem that can occur any time of the year. Fortunately, your home is equipped with a safety valve of sorts, a fuse.

When there is a short circuit or an overload, more current flows through the wires than they were destined to handle. When this happens, a fuse blows out or a circuit breaker opens. The current is turned off and the wires don't get a chance to overheat.

Fuses vary in appearance but basically they all work the same. A metal strip inside has a lower melting point than the wire it is designed to protect. Fuses are rated to handle a particular current, starting at 15 amps generally and on up.

When the current goes over this amount, the metal strip melts and the fuse blows out. Using a heavier fuse is dangerous and completely negates the value of fusing. The copper wire itself will be dangerously hot before the fuse blows out.

Never use a larger fuse than the one you should use. Never use a penny, scrap of wire or tinfoil instead of a new fuse.

Keep extra fuses on hand. Most are of the plug type which screws in. These have transparent tops so that you can see when the wire inside has melted. Fuse plugs are available which are designed to handle a temporary overload — such as the starting of a motor — without blowing. You can recognize these by the spring-like wire under the window.

The other common type of fuse is the cartridge, generally bad — but not always — for heavier circuits.

Fuses such as those used for electric ranges are always the cartridge type. A cartridge fuse simply snaps into a holder in the fuse box.

Fuse replacement is easy if you plan ahead. Know the location of the fuse box. Know which circuit each fuse protects. Make a list and paste it in the fuse box, inside the cover. Turn on all lights, make use of all outlets, and remove one fuse at a time. This will help you locate the circuit for each fuse.

When a particular fuse blows out, you will then know on which circuit there was trouble.

Trouble is generally caused by overloading too many electrical lines on a single circuit. Occasionally an appliance or lamp may be at fault. Once in a while the trouble may be in the house wiring itself.

When a fuse blows, disconnect all items on that circuit. With a new fuse in, turn on lights and connect appliances one at a time. If a particular item is at fault, the fuse will blow out as soon as you plug it in.

If everything is on, and in a few minutes the fuse pops again, then it was simply a matter of overloading. Eliminate something.

If the fuse blows out before you have turned everything on, the trouble is the wiring and you'd better call in an electrician.

If all the lights go out, then the main fuse has blown out. Most homes are protected with fuse boxes having several large cartridge fuses and many smaller fuses.

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ONE On ONE. That simple, yet provocative sentence has become the trademark of Park WestBank and Trust Company.

When WestBank kicked off their ONE On ONE campaign in 1980 bank officials were telling their customers this: "Treating each customer as an individual."

Theodore P. Kosior, WestBank's President and Chief Executive Officer put ONE On ONE into a better perspective. He said, "We find most Americans riddled with questions about economic stability. They are becoming more and more cautious and informed about their investments and, thus, are seeking ways in which their total financial needs can be fulfilled by one banking institution."

That banking institution, says Kosior, can be Park WestBank.

For residents of the Feeding Hills Center area, WestBank's ONE On ONE over the past year has proved that the bank's independent and locally-owned status has enabled the continued promotion of the "friendly neighborhood bank image."

WestBank, indeed, possesses all the tools of a larger bank. However, customers never lose that personal ONE On ONE contact with their banker which can often occur when a bank becomes so large that customers feel lost in a maze of red tape.

WestBank offers Savings, IRA, or Keough Accounts, Automobile, Home Improvement or Personal Loans. WestBank also offers a complex computerized system to its customers, another feature of your "neighborhood bank."

According to Ellen Bellows, Feeding Hills branch manager, the bank's concept is similar to the "difference between wholesale and retail outlets."

Says Ellen, "The giants in our field are geared to work most profitable with the large volume customer—corporations, large-scale borrowers, and the like. Banks such as ours aim at working with the 'retail' customer who needs everything the big volume account needs, but on a smaller scale."

WestBank has more than 50 different kinds of services. However, WestBank's greatest service is their involvement with the community and the people of this area.

"We lend support to the communities that we serve by the sheer participation of our 111 employees in a variety of civic, cultural, religious and service organizations," Mrs. Bellows added.

WestBank's in 1981 has again focused on their ONE On ONE concept.

WestBank's latest campaign to let the public know of their valuable services, the "ONE On ONE Local", has continued last year's public relations excellence.

Remember the days of the old "Locals," when every passenger in every town was important?

That's WestBank's motto and in Feeding Hills Center, residents are within easy grasp of the fine ONE On ONE professionals of WestBank.



A shot of Park WestBank and Trust company, located in Feeding Hills Center.



ONE On ONE is WestBank's motto and employees, from left, Branch Manager Ellen Bellows, Phyllis Bonini, Linda Sterling and Jane Burrell are available to serve the residents of the Feeding Hills Center area. Come and visit WestBank's ONE On ONE today. Photo by Jack Devine.



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Looking Backward... A History Of Our Constitution

By Edith LaFrancis

This year marks the 200th anniversary of our State Constitution.

The ideas for this document grew out of the American experience as it was known to the English who came here in 1630. The first settlers, building homes, tilling their fields and tending flocks began to feel a new sense of freedom, which they were eager to secure for the future.

About four years after they came to Massachusetts Bay, these people began to make demands for some sort of laws regarding their rights and liberties.

Their efforts resulted in 1641 in a set of one hundred laws called the "Body of Liberties" which marked the first step toward the formation of our present state constitution.

In 1691, the Massachusetts Bay colony lost its charter. The right to elect their own governor was taken away from the colonists and all laws enacted had to be approved by authority in England. The colony was governed by the provisions of royal charters until 1774.

The spirit of independence was growing and it became evident that King George III and men such as Samuel Adams of Massachusetts had different views on colonial government. A new concept had developed in America, a new method of self-government had been devised, namely a government through laws written by the people who were to live under them and which could be altered only by the people themselves.

The Continental Congress in May, 1776, adopted a resolution suppressing every kind of authority of the Crown and advising the colonies to establish their own governments. Under such conditions this would have to be done if they were to have any government at all.

A Committee of Safety appointed by the First Provincial Congress in Massachusetts on October 26, 1774, was the following spring given full control over the military affairs of the Colony, subject to the power of the Provincial Congress.

In 1775, a council having both legislative and executive functions was formed and controlled the affairs of the Colony until 1780.

It was thought by a majority of towns that a constitution should be written out.

The towns were asked to vote whether or not they

would give their representatives instruction to form with the council a Constitutional Convention. Following an affirmative vote, this convention, composed of the wealthier men of the province, wrote out a constitution. Completed in February, 1778, it was shortly thereafter sent to the towns for ratification.

It was turned down. One defect was that the governor and lieutenant governor would have seats and voice in the Senate. The governor was to be President of the Senate. There was no executive council. Only Protestants were to be eligible to vote, and there was no bill of rights. It put too much power in the hands of a few wealthy men.

Strong protest was voiced in Western Massachusetts and by a particularly influential group in Essex County.

Next, the question was sent out to the towns on whether or not they wanted a special state convention of elected delegates for the sole purpose of forming a new constitution. Nearly half the towns failed to respond, but the majority of votes received were in the affirmative.

The convention assembled September 1, 1779, at the old meeting house of the First Church in Cambridge. A recess was declared a week later to give a committee of thirty-one an opportunity to draft a "Declaration of Rights" and a "form of the constitution" to be presented to the whole body.

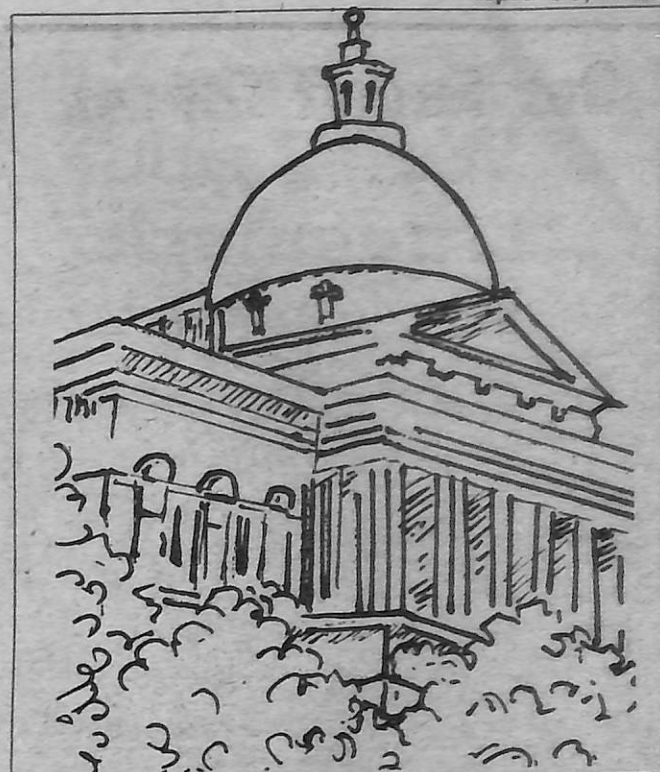
This general committee appointed a sub-committee of three, who in turn entrusted the entire task to John Adams.

Adams' draft was presented October 28th. Discussion which followed centered, for the most part, around Article III of the Declaration of Rights which dealt with religion. John Adams himself failed to clarify this, and it was finally turned over to a committee of seven for redrafting.

The finished constitution contained a contradiction as to religion. It declared liberty of conscience, yet made practice of religion an obligation. (This condition continued until 1833 when the state relinquished all financial control over religious organizations and accepted the principle of the separation of church and state.)

The constitution was voted on by the towns and on the 15th of June, 1780, the convention resolved, "That the people of the State of Massachusetts Bay have accepted the Constitution as it stands, in the printed form submitted to their revision."

A resolve providing for carrying the new constitution into effect was passed, and the convention was finally dissolved. Abraham Burbank of Feeding Hills



was one of the members of the convention.

Under the new constitution, the first General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts met at the State House in Boston on Wednesday, October 25, 1780. The first governor of Massachusetts, John Hancock, took the oath of office on that day. Soldiers paraded in the streets; volleys were fired and cannon fired from the castle on Fort Hill and on board ships in the harbor.

The constitution contained provision for taking in 1795 the opinion of the people as to the necessity of revising the original document, but no such revision seemed necessary at that time.

In 1820, an act was passed to question the voters again on the need for choosing delegates to meet for making revisions altering the constitution. This time a large majority voted in favor and delegates met at the State House November 15, 1820, to organize a convention for this purpose.

On the 9th of January, 1821, the delegates agreed to fourteen articles of amendment. In due time, their decision was submitted to the people, who voted on April 9, 1821, for the adoption of nine of the proposed amendments. Four additional articles were adopted during the next twenty years.

The General Court of 1851 called for a third convention and more changes were made.

In 1919, this body of laws had become somewhat tangled since some articles had added to or deleted

former one. It was decided to rearrange the form of the document. This was done and accepted by the people.

But there were some doubts. The Governor and Council voted to submit the new version to the Supreme Judicial Court for their opinion as to whether this new arrangement had actually become the legal constitution of Massachusetts. The court unanimously concluded that the rearrangement was not itself the fundamental law and a new constitution, but rather that it was only a rearrangement of the old one. The 1780 constitution in its original form was, therefore, declared to be the legal one.

Up to the present, 1980, one hundred thirteen amendments have been added to this document written out by John Adams two hundred years ago. Yet it remains fundamentally the same. Part I consists of a Bill of Rights which has undergone very few changes, while Part II contains the Frame of Government.

The constitution has survived because it is based on the doctrine of natural rights and faith in democracy. It became the model on which the Federal Constitution was built in 1787. It answered the problem of how men could make a government of their own free will. Its importance in this anniversary year is then not so much its age as its vitality.



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Our Senior Citizen Spotlight



A Salute To Our Senior Citizens

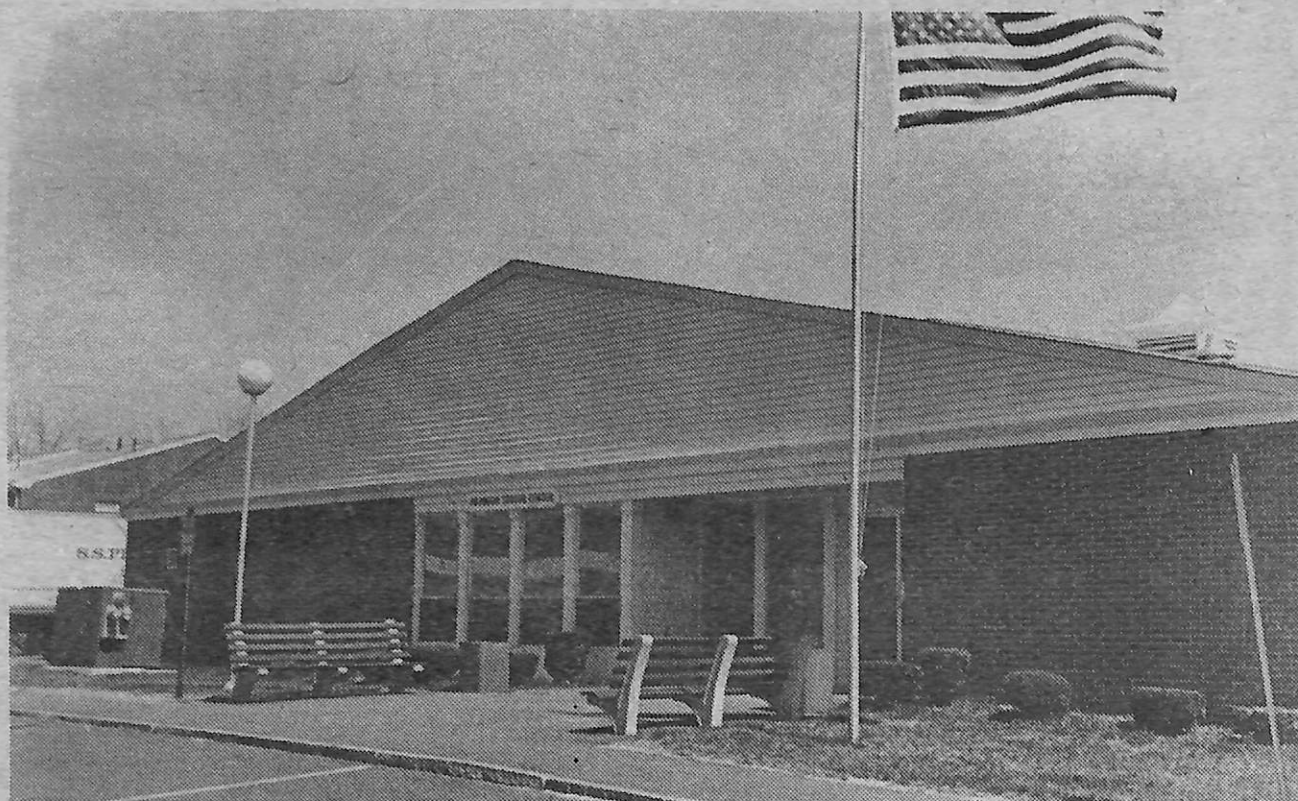
Many of us in our younger years find it hard, at times, to identify with our Senior Citizens.

Unfortunately, Western Culture, unlike our counterparts in the East, fails to give the elderly the type of respect and reverence due to them.

We at The Advertiser/News dedicate these following pages to the Senior Citizens, the people who in less technologically advanced times, built our country and community into something we can all be proud of.

Our hats go off to the Senior Citizens of Agawam and we encourage our readers to support their functions and activities here.

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The Agawam Senior Center serves as the pillar of iron for Agawam's elderly. It's a place where the elderly can gather and enjoy a wide variety of activities. Photo by Jack Devine.

Housing For The Elderly

One of the most difficult problems the elderly face is housing. After years of maintaining a home, suddenly many of them are not able to financially, and sometime physically to keep up a large home. The answer then seems to be an apartment of sorts or in some cases, even a nursing home.

Agawam tries to provide an answer to as many elderly as they can. The Housing Authority in Agawam administers the public housing program. They presently manage 156 apartments for the elderly and handicapped.

To be eligible, a person must be at least 65 years of age and of fairly low income. Net income limits for one person is \$7,840 per year and \$8,960 for a couple. There is currently a waiting period of about a year-and-a-half due to the number of people needing this type of housing, so if you feel that you may be in need of one of these apartments, I suggest that you get your own name on a waiting list.

All apartments contain one bedroom, a living room, a kitchenette and a bathroom. There are eight apartments specially designed for person confined to wheel chairs.

Rents are subsidized by the state and tenants pay 25 percent of their net monthly income as rent. Rent includes all utilities and all maintenance work is done by the Housing Authority.

Apartments under the administration of the Housing Authority includes 40 units at Country View, located at 95 No. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, 52 units at Colonial Haven at 886 Main St. and 64 units at

Meadowbrook Manor which is located off Wright St. The Housing Authority office is located in the Senior Center at Meadowbrook Manor.

And while mentioning the Senior Center, I should point out here, that many people think because the Center is located at the Meadowbrook Manor location, that the Center is only for those residents. The Senior Center is available and open to all Senior Citizens of Agawam regardless of where you live. And the age to qualify you for partaking of the center's activities is 60.

The Center provides a very important function in the lives of many of Agawam's Senior Citizens. One of the most popular events each weekday is the lunch program. For a mere 60 cents a day, seniors can enjoy a delicious and nutritious hot meal. That alone makes the center worthwhile. But it doesn't stop here.

The center has activities going on all the time. There is a dance session once a week, there are craft lessons, painting and sculpture lessons, there is a library in the center, special exhibits are held there, clinics are given in the health field, free legal advice is provided, income tax assistance is given during tax season, trips are planned both to other cities and their points of interest as well as trips locally and to many places that provide live entertainment.

The center tries to provide a home if you will to those seniors who are alone and need or want companionship. There are always other seniors to talk with, play cards with, or just have fun.

I Remember It Well...

Okay seniors, let's see how much you remember? Now, while I know all of you weren't around for all of this, you must have heard about some of it from your parents and some of it at school.

We all know Agawam is an Indian name, but do you know what it means? It meant "crooked river" or "low meadow land."

Mission Branch

Who remembers that Sacred Heart Church started as a mission branch of Saint Anthony's Church and was located on Williams Street in Feeding Hills?

Anyone recall the days when the mail was delivered by a mailman driving a horse and buggy. In 1875 there were three mails a week, now there are four a day.

Who can remember when in the early days, town officers were appointed as if they didn't accept the job and do it well, they were assessed a stiff fine - of several shillings?

Up to the year 1900, the only public transportation was the mail wagon which made one trip a day at first and then later two trips from Feeding Hills to Agawam and then to Springfield. After that the Springfield Street Railway operated a trolley line which ran here until 1936 when it was replaced by a bus service.

Who knows where or what Gallop Grove was? Today we all know it as Riverside Park. Did any of you ever ride one of the river boats from Springfield to Gallop Grove?

Who was present at the three day air show which ran May 29, 30 and June 1 when Bowles Airport was dedicated? The U.S. Air Force put a huge demonstration while conducting their Eastern Air Force Maneuvers consisting of landing, parking and taking off from what was then a very large field.

How many of these organizations did you help to organize or at least belong to? The VICTOR EMANUEL III SOCIETY, THE AGAWAM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, THE COMMUNITY GRANGE, THE AMERICAN LEGION OF AGAWAM, THE MASCAGNI CLUB, THE COLUMBUS CLUB, THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB, THE GIRL SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY, ITALIAN SPORTING CLUB, THE LIONS CLUB OF AGAWAM, THE TRESTLE BOARD OF AGAWAM and the V.F.W., just to name a few.

One Full Time Officer

Up until 1927, there was only one full time police officer who was on call 24 hours a day and there were ten constables elected by the people. The office was in the chief's home, so any person who was arrested had to be taken to Springfield to be locked up.

Did you know that in the early days, all house owners were required to sweep down the inside of their chimneys at least once a month? With the resurgence of wood heat in so many homes, it might be a good idea to "rekindle" the idea.

Obviously Agawam has grown and seen many changes. In talking to old times, some of the things we've talked about here were all memories to them. Probably the thing mentioned most was the old trolley car. Then there were of course many personal memories, such as playing baseball and having one of the players in the old cloths playing right along and realizing it was Father Leonard out playing with the boys for a while.

If you have any old memories you would like to share or things you would like to remind us of, why not let us know and maybe we can have a "DO YOU REMEMBER" feature in the "NEW BEGINNINGS" column each week.

Trolley Was Once Important Piece Of Travel Here



This trolley, chugging through the community, was once one of the many sights seen around 1900. The trolleys have been replaced by T-birds and BMW's. Photo taken from Agawam Bicentennial Book.



The Pheasant Hill meeting room is a well-used facility for the residents of the Feeding Hill located housing complex.

Pheasant Hill Offers Quality And Fun-Filled Housing

If I were looking for an apartment right now, I'd wish I qualified for one of the apartments at Pheasant Hill, the housing development in Feeding Hills. It is a beautiful place and well maintained. In looking the place over, I felt as though it were more of a country club than an apartment complex.

There are 112 one bedroom units. Manager Joyce Gaudreau tells us that there are currently 180 seniors citizens living at Pheasant Hill. The complex must follow the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency guideline when renting, and there is a long waiting list. However, should you feel you would be interested in living there at a point in the future, perhaps you should contact the office there now and put yourself on the waiting list.

Aside from the apartments themselves, there is a community building with two very beautiful rooms which are used constantly by the tenants for various activities. The seniors are very involved with many programs there. Aside from making use of the lovely swimming pool in swim season, there are weekly exercise classes which are made up of mostly seniors. Bingo is played once a week. There is a bowling league of about 20 seniors and there is also a golf league. The shuffle board courts are in full use in good weather by a couple of teams with competition going up a lot.

There is a card club, a crafts workshop, a social club, and arts and crafts exhibits. Many wonderful trips are planned, such as an upcoming trip to New York and another to Washington D.C.

The community building has a kitchen which is at the disposal of the seniors while there. Suppers are held a couple of times a month. A really nice one coming up is Italian Night, obviously featuring an Italian dinner. Mrs. Philomena Mercandante is in charge of this occasion. Following the dinner, there will be a fashion show.

There is a blood pressure clinic monthly and the community center recently held the Colon Cancer clinic as well. Much attention is given to the physical and mental health of the residents of Pheasant Hill by trying to provide these types of clinics as well as providing entertainment and companionship which is so necessary to us all and so many times is lacking for senior citizens.

Pheasant Hill is only 2 years old, but has accomplished a great deal in so short a time. I'm sure the seniors living there and enjoying the benefits are quite glad to be there.

We shall in the future try to keep you informed of the goings-on at Pheasant Hill.

"THE NOW GENERATION"

There are several phrases that I object to when talking about people. These phrases are meant to classify. We say, "our generation," "your generation," "the now generation," and so on. We have created our own "generation gap," by our very use of words. In my book, the "now" generation means every living person on earth.

The fact that we are of different ages doesn't mean that our basic needs and wants and desires are so different. We all still need food and sleep, we all still cry and laugh, we all desire to love and be loved. We are not so different, perhaps only our levels of understanding are different. We even still have ambitious and are adventuresome in our later years. I have proof of this through the example one of Agawam's Senior Citizen's is setting.

This lady of whom I speak is again someone who has lived what to many can be called a normal life. She was born and raised in New York. She moved to Massachusetts when she married a local man. They lived in the Springfield area for many years. They worked hard and raised five terrific kids.

These kids have all worked hard themselves to put themselves through college with the little support their parents could give them with so many to provide for. All the children have gone on to good jobs, four of them are married and two now have families of their own.

During these years of bringing up a family, this lady was first and foremost a wife and mother. If she had dreams of personal accomplishment or ambitions, they waited in the background while she performed the job she had taken in marriage.

Her husband died several years ago and her children are spread out around the area and across the country and as far as Puerto Rico.

Because of her "normal life", she, like the rest of us has had to work to support herself. But she has not been content to just go to work 9 to 5 and go home and rest as we might expect a "senior" citizen to do.

With the responsibilities all taken care of in her life, she has begun to live a life of her own now. She is very active in her church, acting as the church librarian as well as any other duties the church may require of her. She corresponds with elderly of her church who are for one reason or another invalids or shut-ins.

She tries to put a little ray of sunshine into their lives by letting them know that they are not forgotten. There are many things she has always wanted to learn and never had the time for and now is taking various classes to learn. She plans to go on and take more classes.

She is creative and artistic as evidenced by her writings and her beautiful embroidery and crewel work. She is always ready to help anyone, anytime in anyway she can. While young teenagers are learning to drive, so is this lady. She only learned and got her license a few years ago. Whatever her goal, she is more than ready to "give it a try."

A new goal has taken root in her mind. The winters prove to be a hardship to her and the death of her husband has meant that it is finally economically impossible of her to keep her home. So this senior citizen, Mrs. Lillian Scott of Agawam has decided to venture into a new world. She has sold her home here and in a couple of weeks will be a resident of Florida, where a new life awaits her.

She plans to go on and take more classes, to find a new job (a real challenge to a senior citizen in particular) and keep on with the business of living.

It is people like this that make a community. People who are always looking ahead to conquer new stars and reach new horizons.

Florida is gaining an asset and Agawam unfortunately loses one. But we wish Lillian good luck in her new venture and we are glad she is one of the "now generation."

For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Well we certainly couldn't have asked for a more beautiful Easter Sunday. I hope everyone had a lovely day. I don't have a lot of news for this column this week due to all the special stories.

In past columns I have been talking mostly about the seniors who use the Senior Center or are members of the Golden Agers. However, I know there are many more seniors out there living in the town. Some of you are at Pheasant Hill, some are in Heritage Hall, some of you live at home alone or with your families in houses or apartments.

Wherever you are, we would like to be able to wish you a happy birthday at the right time or a happy anniversary. We would like to include in this column things that you are interested in. So, at the end of this column, I have put a form. Some of you already have this form but for the rest of you, why not fill it out and return it to us.

This column is meant for all of you. You can either return the form to the paper, preferably at the end of the week, to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, 01030, or you can send it directly to me, 81 Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills, 01030, or you can leave it with Margarete or Dorothy at the Senior Center.

Next week's lunch menu at the Senior Center looks pretty good. Monday: Meatloaf; Tuesday: Turkey Fricassee; Wednesday: Lambettes; Thursday, Chicken Crepes. I don't have Friday's menu as it runs into May.

I hope you all are enjoying the oil painting and creative pottery show being held at the Senior Center this week. Just a sampling of what Agawam has to offer its Senior Citizens. This show will be followed on May 6th, 7th, and 8th by an arts and crafts show. You won't want to miss either of these shows.



Senior Citizens often enjoy the bowling league sponsored by the Senior Center. Want to bowl? Call the Senior Center.

Senior Bowling Competitive

At this time of year, baseball season, when someone hears "Strike 3!" there is usually a groan. However, if you happen to be in Agawam on a Tuesday afternoon at the Agawam Ten Pin Lanes, you would hear shouts of joy to a call of "Strike 3!"

The Agawam senior citizens are some of the most active people I know. For the past nine years or so there has been a bowling league made up of all senior citizens. For eight years they used to bowl at the Riverside bowling lanes, but when it closed, they moved to the Agawam Ten Pin Lanes.

The group averages approximately 36 bowlers a week, rain or shine or snow. This is a league that bowls year round. They don't give trophies or have a banquet. It is just a fun, sociable league. It's a mixed league, so I'm sure some of the men who are golfers tend to hit the golf courses during some of the nicer weather, but there is still a nice mixture of people and you can always hear a lot of laughter. And what wonderful exercise for everyone concerned.

To give you an idea of these bowlers' skills, this week's scores for some of the top bowlers were as follows: Bob Haskell-119; Ed Grimes-117; Eddie Arnold-114; Wilfred Bourgois-110; Lee Foster-106 and Bob Foster-105.

Not bad, folks. Best of luck in the future.

Gallano Well-Known To Elderly

Within the Senior Citizens' Circle in Western Mass., Agawam's Andrew C. Gallano is known as the man who helped put "it all together." Several of Gallano's accomplishments include the local Councils on Aging, Senior Citizens, and Home Care Corporations.

Retired In September

Gallano retired last September from his post as Community Coordinator for Western Mass on elderly affairs.

For Gallano, it began 15 years ago when he was serving in the State House as State Deputy Commissioner in the Executive Office of Administration and Finance. Gallano was then transferred to the Mass. Commission on Aging after the defeat of Governor Endicott Peabody.

Gallano was assigned to the Western Mass. area as its first Community Coordinator after having been one of four to pass the Civil Service exams for the position.

Senior Citizens' organizations existed only in Springfield, Holyoke and Pittsfield and even these had very little in services. Daily hot lunches, transportation and medical services were the basic at the time. Home Care Corporations were non-existent.

At Gallano's retirement party last September, Mass. Secretary of Elderly Affairs, Dr. Thomas P. Mahoney commented on the progress in the region by pointing to 81 Councils on Aging, 5 Home Care Corporations and over 30 Senior Centers were in operation in Western Mass. He attributed this great rise in senior services to "the leadership and energy of Andy Gallano."

Looking back, Gallano recalls that convincing a local board of selectmen or a mayor to establish a Council on Aging was a "hard sell." "They were reluctant to establish new agencies, being fearful of increased budget costs," Gallano said.

However, he continued, "the general public was becoming aware of the problems confronting the elderly and slowly but surely the local councils were

being formed through the State and in turn, State government and the Legislature took notice."

Increased Awareness

Through this increased awareness of Senior Citizens and their problems, Gallano said, the first fully operational Department of Elder Affairs in the nation was established.

The construction of the Agawam Senior Citizen Center came when the town was in the process of drafting preliminary plans for State sponsored elderly housing, presently known as Meadowbrook Manner.

Realizing that the need for elderly housing in Agawam was a must, Gallano seized the opportunity and proposed his idea for a local Senior Citizen adjacent to the housing project to the Secretary of Elder Affairs, Jack Leff.

Leff, an appointee of then Governor Francis Sargent, gave his approval to the concept and in turn contacted the Commissioner of Community Affairs, Lewis Crampton who gave his go-ahead providing that the town undertook a needs and feasibility study and also shared in the cost of the Center's construction.

Gallano then approached then Town Manager James D. Westman who in turn appointed a study committee headed by resident Edward McMahon.

On completed, the study was accepted by all concerned and presented to Town Council who approved and committed under a resolution a sum not to exceed \$250,000 as the town's share in the construction.

On May 29, 1974, the Agawam Housing Authority gave its approval to the Senior Center and the project was the first of its kind in the State.

When Governor Michael Dukakis took office, he ordered all construction. Gallano, who knew Dukakis from his years in Boston, convinced the Governor to lease the funds...and the rest is history.

What does Gallano think about his years of working with the elderly? "It was a lot of work with many meetings over the years in which I received a great deal of help from many dedicated people," he said.



Andrew C. Gallano, a former Deputy Commissioner for the elderly, was a main force in the building of the Senior Center.

The 65 year old Town Councilor was first elected to public office 33 years ago as a member of the town's old finance committee and has served as a town moderator, selectman and veteran's agent and when asked what prompted him to retire to seek office as a town councilor, he replied, "I like this town and I felt that I might be able to continue to contribute to its future."

Gallano is also a former two-time charter commission chairman.

Tax Breaks Available To Seniors: Apply

At a time when economic pressures are so heavy on us all we try to find ways in which we can ease the burden. There are several tax aids which some of your seniors may not be aware of and so we will try to mention them.

Because of the passage of Proposition 2 1/2, actual dollar amounts cannot be given at this time. These won't be known until the new tax rates are figured. However, here are just a few items of interest.

There is a tax abatement given to senior citizens on their real estate tax. To qualify for this tax abatement for the next tax period, you must be 70 years of age by July, 1981. If you are single, your yearly income, including Social Security, pensions, interest income etc, must not be over \$6,000. For a couple, this amount is \$7,000.

Again, no one can give you an amount now as to what your savings will be, but if you will qualify based on the requirements listed above, be sure and go to the town offices and fill out an application early.

Another benefit, which although has no age limitations, is usually one which seniors would qualify for is the "Surviving Spouse" abatement. Whatever your age, if you are a widow or widower, go to the town hall and fill out an application. There is a limit in regards to your equity in your property etc., and a very important factor is that the property must be your domicile. This tax abatement is designed to help our residents.

The last tax benefit is one which is for disabled veterans. The main requirement here is that you have a proper form from the Veteran's Administration verifying that you are disabled. Again, we are unable to give you actual figures as rates are not set for this year.

If you should qualify for any of the above tax abatements, please be sure and visit the Town Hall on Main Street, in Agawam and fill out the necessary forms. Do it early so there is time to process them. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call and ask your questions. There are always people there who can help you.

Senior Citizen Photos By Jack Devine



Outgoing and incoming officers of the Golden Agers Club are, from left, Sam Joyce, Louise Sherpa, Emaline Comeau, Eunice Johnson, Alice Squazza, Kay Aldrich, Mary Demersky and Michael Demersky.

Golden Agers Install New Officers For 1981

On Wednesday, April 15th, close to 300 members and guests attended the installation luncheon for the Agawam Golden Ager's Club that was held at the Turn-Verein Club on Garden Street in Feeding Hills.

New officers elected (once each year) are; President, Mike Jabry; Vice President, Louis Sherpa; Recording Secretary, Mary Demersky; Treasurer, Alice Squazza; Corresponding Secretary, Eunice Johnson; Chaplin, Kay Aldrich. The officers were sworn in by Mrs. Joan Danford and Mrs. Barbara Hodges, the two women who organized this organization 25 years ago.

Mary Demersky prepared the installation proceedings so that the actual swearing in and office taking all went smoothly.

The Dinner chairman were Marion Binnekade, Marion Maubenriser and Alice Squazza. The roast beef dinner that was created by the Turn-Verein couldn't have been nicer. Everyone enjoyed the meal tremendously.

The entertainment was enjoyed by all as it was music provided by the Slowik Brothers.

It seems as though there is never a Golden Ager event without people going home with door prizes.

The winners of the door prizes were: Rose Nannini, Kay Aldrich, Albina Garde, Lena Babcock, Mable Baily, Meridith Bowen, Louise Sait, Sam Joyce, Albina Anderson and Barbara Hodges. The reason that so many prizes were can be given is through the generosity of the members themselves.

The doorprizes that were won were all donated and we should give those people a pat on the back as well. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vogt who donated the crib, Martha Draghetti donated a pendant, Mary Demersky donated cologne, Mary Carson donated a crocheted bank, Mary Fitzgerald donated a crocheted Easter basket, Marion Binnekade donated a beautiful stoneware fry pan, the Golden Ager Club itself donated a pair of pillow cases, Nancy Cushman donated Miracle Broom, Mr. and Mrs. Sherpa donated a bottle of wine and Mary Davis donated cologne.

The outgoing officers and incoming officers all wore flowers and made the head table look lovely.

As usual, the Golden Agers know how to do things and the afternoon was a memorable and one that will be discussed for quite a while.



Angela Bacheldor "is another one of those people who you can't credit her accomplishments to by looking to her background."

Angela Still Coloring Her World

"Oh, I could never do anything like that!" This is typical of the remarks made to Angela Bacheldor when someone views one of her paintings. Angela immediately asks, "Have you ever tried?" When she gets a response of "no", she then says, "Then don't say you can't until you try." And that is Angie's philosophy. "You have to try."

Can't Give Enough Credit

Angela Bacheldor is another one of those people who you can't credit her accomplishments to by saying, well, look at her special background. Angela comes from a background no different than many of us. The difference is probably that Angela is a positive thinking person.

Angela was born in Chicopee Falls in 1905. Anyone meeting her will find it very difficult to believe that this lady is 76 years old. One of the reasons that I'm sure she seems so young is that she believes "you can't live in the past," and you have to "live for the future."

Angela was married 35 years until her husband's death in 1962. They had one daughter and Angela now has 2 grandchildren, a boy in Oregon and a girl in Feeding Hills and she also has 1 great-grandson.

During World War II Angela worked for the Navy's Air Corps. After the war she moved to Florida and tried waitressing for a while. Then it was back to Springfield where she had a slip cover business for 13 years while her husband was in the construction business. She had to give up her business to go and take care of her daughter who had been stricken with M.S. and also bring up her grandchildren. So in reality, Angela brought up two families.

Angie has lived in Agawam for 28 years now. She has been enjoying the Senior Center now for 3 1/2 years and is also a member of the Agawam Women's Club, serving as their publicity director and she enjoys membership in the Agawam Golden Agers Club.

Angie's painting is an important part of her life now. She claims to have "fiddled around" with it off and on throughout her life. She took a few lessons at Bay Path and then took some lessons from Esther Delbecchio. Many of us were privileged to see some of her works at her 1st exhibit which was held at the Senior Center earlier this year. If you were one of the unlucky ones that missed it, be sure and catch the next one.

Wonderful Place

Angela thinks Agawam does a wonderful job in providing for its senior citizens. She especially feels the Senior Center provides an important phase of many people's lives. Many seniors are without family and find companionship at the Center.

If we wanted a good example of how to live our lives to their fullest and enjoy each day and make the most of ourselves, Angela Bacheldor is certainly an example we could all follow.

Joe Sullivan Visions Of a Poet

When adversity faces many of us, we tend to feel sorry for ourselves. We often shut out minds to the positive aspects still remaining in our lives. We look for pity from others and in general give up on life itself.

Another habit of many of us is to look on other people's accomplishments and find reasons why they were able to succeed when we could not. We credit their success to what we think of as privileged backgrounds of wonderful opportunities offered them and not ourselves.

We are saying goes "the captains of our ships." We make our own opportunities, and whatever fate has dealt us, we always get some good cards with the bad and it is up to us to play the good ones.

A case in point is one of Agawam's senior citizens, Joseph J. Sullivan. Some of you are already familiar with Joe and his poetry. For those of you not, you should get familiar.

Joe's background is as ordinary as the next person's. He was born and raised in Springfield. Some of his childhood memories include riding with his father through Agawam peddling grain and wheat for the Worthmore Feed. Co. The town must have left a good impression on him, as this is where he has chosen to spend these later years of his life.

Joe met and married a Holyoke girl and he was very lucky in his choice of Mary Angela Sullivan. She is someone who has thoroughly enjoyed being a wife and mother. She has also been a constant support to Joe. Twenty-five years of their lives were spent traveling while Joe was in the construction business. Their travels took them along the Eastern seaboard, Maine, New Hampshire and even into Canada. It was a good life and they enjoyed it.

The Sullivans have three happily married daughters and are now the proud grandparents of nine. So what is so special about the Sullivans?

Two weeks prior to their marriage, it was diagnosed that Joe had diabetes. In the following years, Joe began to go blind in varying stages, until in 1964 Joe was declared legally blind. At this point, Joe could have withdrawn into a shell and let the world take care of him and be responsible for him. But not Joe. He had always had a good command of the English language and enjoyed the "use of words."

Joe got a guitar and learned to play and began writing songs in the hope of perhaps someday making a living at it. The songs eventually led into poetry.

To this date, Joe has written hundreds of poems. He currently has a book which he has copyrighted and hopes to have published. His poetry has become well known around the Senior Center and appeared in some newspapers as well. He has written poems commemorating some aspect of the last six presidents' terms in the White House and has received some lovely acknowledgements from these prominent men.



Joseph J. Sullivan

He wrote a poem about Stockbridge, Mass. a few years before the death of Norman Rockwell and has been acknowledged for it. His poems are lovely and one of them is even in the Kennedy Library in Boston. A fine man, who has faced adversity and played his good cards to win.

We end here with one of his poems which I find particularly poignant.

THE KEY

Many pictures are now brought to mind
Looking back on another day
To view again from time to time.
I have hidden all mine away.
The angry waves of a troubled sea
Frothing white against the shore
Are locked away within my treasure chest
Till I open it once more.
A snow-capped mountain all ablaze
From the rays of the setting sun.
That too I may review again
In the distant days to come.
A fence-patched quilt of earthen hue
Ripe with bounties of the field
Adds brightness to the darkened cache
Where my pictures lie concealed.
Frosted morn in late October.
Are quite familiar to me.
I recall when snow flakes powdered
A face having eyes that could see.
All these wonderful gifts of nature
The Lord still allows me to find
By unlocking the chest of memory
With the key that he gave to the blind.

Joseph J. Sullivan - 1980



These four gentlemen, from left, D.J. Kallupolitos, Anthony Mocca, Walter Paltz and John Shea enjoy a relaxing game of billiards at the Agawam Senior Center on Main Street. Give the Center a call and take advantage of their many fine facilities.

The Advertiser/News Would Like To Commend Staff Reporter Rita White For Her Diligence and Professionalism In Making This Special Agawam Senior Citizen' Section The First Of Its Kind For A Newspaper In Agawam.

Heritage Hall To Celebrate Nursing Home Week

Sunday, May 10th is Mothers' Day and also marks the beginning of National Nursing Home Week. Hundreds of nursing homes throughout the country will commemorate the occasion by holding open house and special programs during the week. This year's themes are "Love Is Ageless" and "Visit Someone Special."

The American Health Association and the administrators of **HERITAGE HALL RETIREMENT AND NURSING HOME** invite local residents to visit Agawam's 410-bed facility this special week between May 10th and May 17th and become acquainted with what the nursing home does year-round for the elderly, chronically ill, and convalescents of all ages.

Community Participation

The AHCA stresses that community participation is the essence of the week's activities—the community taking part in the life of the community. "This is a major goal of good, long-term care administration all year long."

HERITAGE HALL, situated approximately 40 acres of land abutting Cooper Street and Harvey Johnson Drive in Agawam first opened its doors 13 years ago with an 82 bed capacity. The beautifully landscaped, three-building complex now accommodates five times as many residents and offers levels of care. It is a medicare-approved facility directed and supervised by licensed health care professionals.

This retirement and nursing home is geared to meet every need of its residents in a charming, homelike atmosphere. Tastefully decorated bedroom suites, in spacious private or semi-private accommodations, offer the maximum in personal comfort.

Registered Nurses are on duty 24 hours a day to administer medications and treatments as ordered by physicians. A complete recreation program, conducted by a qualified director, as well as community and service volunteers, is offered.

There are opportunities for residents to explore self-expression through painting and crafts, drama and choral groups. Theatre bus trips and entertainment from local groups, are also a part of the planned program.

Religious services are held by a local clergyman to meet the spiritual needs of the guests. Attending physicians direct and supervise the residents medical care. A registered therapist and therapy assistant carefully follow the physicians' orders to assist the fulfilling the guests' potential. Meals are prepared in a completely modern, stainless steel kitchen, under the supervision of a registered dietician. Tray service and special diets are also available.

Space To Relax

There are bright, cheerful and spacious solariums at Heritage Hall, where residents may relax and enjoy their leisure time, reading, chatting, playing cards, watching television, or just looking out on the lovely landscaped grounds. Residents are encouraged to go out and enjoy their surroundings. A relaxing game of croquet is very popular.

Programs that involve occupational and recreational therapy are very important at Heritage Hall. Developing outlets for creative abilities through various forms of arts and crafts is essential to the well-being of the residents. It motivates them, gives them a feeling of independence, and is also good exercise. The administration at Heritage Hall is very proud that many of their guests return home to lead productive lives.

The local retirement and nursing home is working with area schools, groups and organizations to provide a number of special activities for National Nursing Home Week.

These activities include films, a talent show, bake sale, bowling tournament, luncheon, and various contests and award presentations. These events are open to the public and it is hoped that many families and neighbors will drop by and spend some time with these very special people—people who have given us our unique heritage.

The rewards may be greater than you thought...bringing you moments of joy into the life of an elderly citizen may be so rewarding that it continues throughout the year.

Mother's Day Kicks-Off National Celebration



Gertrude Sherlock of Heritage Hall has been enjoying the many fine services of Heritage Hall. Gertrude is one of the many residents who will be observing National Nursing Home Week along with Heritage Hall officials beginning May 10th.



Heritage Hall North officers are, from left, Inez Coppi, vice-president; Anne Campbell, President and Ruth Hosmer, Treasurer.



SOME OF THE GANG: Back row, from left, Bill Rosner, Gladys Samson, Phil Case, Rick Gagne. Front row, from left, Betty King, Grace Farnest, Gladys Rosenbloom, Doris Williams, Sophie Banner, Bea Marcil and Homer Paro.

Nursing Home Week Activities

Monday, May 11: Slide presentation on Activity Programming, presented by Toby Diamond, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. (Continuous showings from 9:00 to 2:45)

Tuesday, May 12: In-service program, "Breaking The Silence Barrier," presented by the Activity Department. (10:30-West Building)

Progressive luncheon with Agawam Golden Agers. (All buildings)

Nostalgic Radio Broadcasting (10:30, South Building)

Mr. & Mrs. Congeniality ceremony and reception (5:30, South Building)

Wednesday, May 13: Bowling tournament at Springfield Civic Center, Spfld.

Movie presented by Social Services Department (2:00, South Building)

Thursday, May 14: Sensory Integration In-service, presented by Occupational Therapy & Activity Department (2:15, South Building)

Talent Show (6:00, South Building)

Bake Sale (10:00, West Building)

Film on cancer (10:30, West Building)

Friday, May 15: Salute to staff (South Building)

Mr. & Mrs. Congeniality ceremony and reception (2:00, West Building)

Mr. & Mrs. Congeniality ceremony and reception, 2:00, North Building.

**Photos by
Jack Devine**

Heartworm Disease Threatens Dogs

Have a heart! The MSPCA asks you to protect your dog early this year against deadly heartworm disease. Although relatively new to New England, without prevention, heartworm can be a major problem. Carried by mosquitoes summer through fall, the disease can only be detected by a blood test, and prevented through daily medication.

Dog owners can make appointments now with their veterinarian or for special heartworm appointments offered at the MSPCA's Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital beginning in mid-April.

If unprotected, your dog may become infected with parasitic heartworms following a mosquito's bite. An infected dog then becomes the source of still more heartworm cases, carrying on this deadly cycle.

Once contracted, heartworms grow up to 12 inches in length and live in the heart chambers and major blood vessels. Damage to the dog's heart may occur before symptoms of coughing, decreased activity, and sluggishness appear. As the disease progresses, the dog may suffer from heart failure.

Southwick Women To Present Concert

The Southwick Women's Club will present the Springfield Chordsmen on April 25 at 8 p.m. at the Southwick High School. Tickets will be on sale at the door. General admission is \$3.50 and \$2.50 for senior citizens and students.

The Southwick Women's Club is a community service organization that supports many town endeavors such as the Southwick Citizens Scholarship Fund, Council for the Aging, Southwick Library, Southwick Ambulance Fund, Southwick Police Department, Save the Gorge Project, as well as the Southwick Bloodmobiles.

Out of town activities that are supported by the club are Nobel Hospital in Westfield, Leeds Veterans Hospital, the Art and Music Scholarship Fund and the Speech Therapy Fund of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs just to mention a few.

The Springfield Chordsmen provide an evening of old-fashioned barbershop harmony with approximately 36 men in the chorus and several groups of four for four-part harmony specials. These men meet and practice weekly and come from several different towns in Western Mass.

The group is volunteering their time for the pleasure of singing and entertaining. They also give financial support to the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas, which is known as "speech town." It is dedicated to the problems of speech handicaps. The Barbershoppers of America have donated over \$2.5 million to this project since 1964.



Camping Family Style

BY ANGELA AND FORD BOTHWELL

If your family has young children and you're planning to try your first camping trip this summer, particularly in a tent, here are some questions you may be asking:

Q. Will my children "take" to camping?

A. If they're like most children, they'll adapt to camping as quickly as you will, probably quicker. Set up your tent in the backyard and spend a couple of nights in it before making your first trip. Then, when you hit the woods, they won't have any anxieties about bedding down in a tent.

Q. Where should we make our first trip?

A. To a campground close to home so there's no long drive to make the children irritable. Make it a campground with plenty of things to interest children (a swimming pool, a bathing beach, boating, etc.); in other words, a family campground where they'll be able to meet other kids their age. Leave the wilderness trips till later.

Q. Should we give the children any special training?

A. The common sense rules of safety and courtesy will serve you well in the outdoors. For example, tell them not to run in the campground, where unseen tent ropes and other hazards can cause nasty spills. Teach them the safe way to operate lanterns and stoves and also tell them the dangers of

misuse. Make them respect other campers' campsites and to hold the noise down after the 10 p.m. quiet hour.

Q. Can an infant be taken camping?

A. After the intensive care period of the baby's first 3 to 6 months of life, he or she is ready to go camping just as soon as the parents are. Make it in warm weather, avoiding periods of extreme heat or cold. Make sure your tent is well screened. If possible, take a small, portable playpen, which can also be placed inside the tent for a crib. Use disposable diapers. A few nights at a campsite won't bother a baby that's kept comfortable.

Q. What precautions should be taken with a baby's foods?

A. The same precautions you take at home. If in doubt, boil it. And be sure to bring along a good supply of the baby's normal foods. You may not be able to buy it where you're going. And finally, don't be surprised if your baby's appetite increases in the outdoors just as yours will.

What are your state's official bird, mammal, tree and flower? For a free pamphlet that will tell you those of all the states, write: "Birds, Mammals of the U.S." Camping Family Style, c/o this newspaper. The words BIRDS, MAMMALS must appear on your outer envelope.

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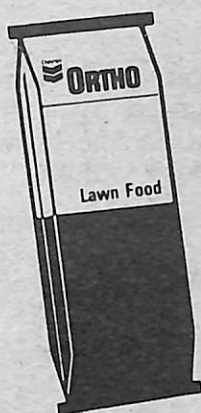
In the tropics, termite nests may tower 20 feet and house 3 million workers and soldiers.

The planet Jupiter is the biggest object in the solar system except for the sun itself.

The Aviation Hall of Fame at Dayton, Ohio, honoring aviation's outstanding pioneers, was chartered by Congress in 1964.

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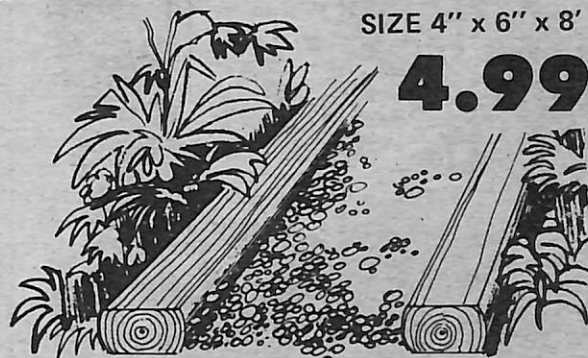
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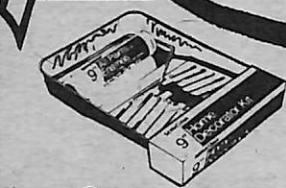
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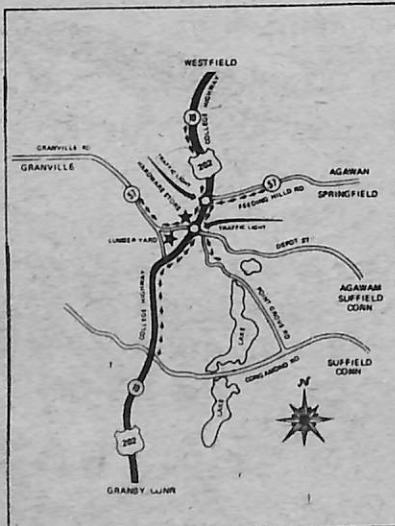
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